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THE GRAY PARROT

By W. W. JACOBS.

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The chief engineer and the third sat at tea on the S. S. Curlew in the East India docks. The small and not over-clean steward, having placed everything he could think of upon the table and then added everything the chief could think of, had assiduously poured out two cups of tea and withdrawn by request. The two men ate steadily, conversing between bites and interrupted occasionally by a hoarse and sepulchral voice, the owner of which, being much exercised by the sight of the food, asked for it, prettily at first and afterward in a way which at least compelled attention.

"That's pretty good for a parrot," said the third critically. "Seems to know what he's saying too. No, don't give it anything. It'll stop if you do."

"There's no pleasure to me in listening to coarse language," said the chief with dignity.

He absently dipped a piece of bread and butter in the third's tea and, losing it, chased it round and round the bottom of the cup with his finger, the third regarding the operation with an interest and emotion which he was at first unable to understand.

"You'd better pour yourself out another cup," he said thoughtfully as he caught the third's eye.

"I'm going to," said the other dryly.

"The man I bought it of," said the chief, giving the bird the sop, "said that it was a perfectly respectable parrot and wouldn't know a bad word if it heard it. I hardly like to give it to my wife now."

"It's no good being too particular," said the third, regarding the other with an ill concealed grin. "That's the worst of all you married fellows. Seem to think your wife has got to be wrapped up in brown paper. Ten chances to one she'll be amused."

The chief shrugged his shoulders disdainfully. "I bought the bird to be company for her," he said slowly. "She'll be very lonesome without me, Rogers."

"How do you know?" inquired the other.

"She said so," was the reply.

"When you've been married as long as I have," said the third, who, having been married some 15 years, felt that their usual positions were somewhat reversed, "you'll know that, generally speaking, they're glad to get rid of you."

"What for?" demanded the chief in a voice that Othello might have envied.

"Well, you get in the way a bit," said Rogers, with secret enjoyment. "You see, you upset the arrangements. Housecleaning and all that sort of thing gets interrupted. They're glad to see you back at first and then glad to see the back of you."

"There's wives and wives," said the bridegroom tenderly.

"And mine's a good one," said the third, "registered A1 at Lloyd's, but she don't worry about me going away. Your wife's 30 years younger than you, isn't she?"

"Twenty-five," corrected the other shortly. "You see, what I'm afraid of is that she'll get too much attention."

"Well, women like that," remarked the third.

"But I don't, dash it!" cried the chief hotly. "When I think of it, I go hot all over—boiling hot."

"That won't last," said the other reassuredly. "You won't care twopence this time next year."

"We're not all alike," growled the chief. "Some of us have got finer feelings than others have. I saw the chap next door looking at her as we passed him this morning."

"Good heavens!" said the third wildly.

"I don't want any of your blanked impudence," said the chief sharply. "He put his hat on straighter when he passed us. What do you think of that?"

"Can't say," replied the other, with commendable gravity. "It might mean anything."

"If he has any of his nonsense while I'm away, I'll break his neck," said the chief passionately. "I shall know of it."

The other raised his eyebrows.

"I've asked the landlady to keep her eyes open a bit," said the chief. "My wife is very young and simple, so that it is quite right and proper for her to have a motherly old body to look after her."

"Told your wife?" queried Rogers.

"No," said the other. "Fact is, Rogers, I've got an idea about that parrot. I'm going to tell her it's a magic bird and will tell me everything she does while I'm away. Anything the landlady tells me I shall tell her I got from the parrot. For one thing, I don't want her to go out after 7 of an evening, and she's promised me she won't. If she does, I shall know and pretend that I know through the parrot. What do you think of it?"

"Think of it," said the third, staring at him, think of it? Fancy a man telling a grown up woman a yarn like that!"

"She believes in warnings and death watches and all that sort of thing," said the chief, "so why shouldn't she?"

"Well, you'll know whether she believes in it or not when you come back," said Rogers, "and it'll be a great pity, because it's a beautiful talker and the best swearer I ever heard."

"What do you mean?" said the other.

"I mean it'll get its little neck wrung," said the third.

"Well, we'll see," said Gannett. "I shall know what to think if it does die."

"I shall never see that bird again," said Rogers, shaking his head as the chief took up the cage and handed it to the steward, who was to accompany him home with it.

The couple left the ship and proceeded down the East India dock road side by side, the only incident being a hot argument between a constable and the engineer as to whether he could or could not be held responsible for the language in which the parrot saw fit to indulge when the steward happened to drop it.

The engineer took the cage at his door and, not without some misgivings, took it up stairs into the parlor and set it on the table, Mrs. Gannett, a simple looking woman with sleepy brown eyes and a docile manner, clapped her hands with joy.

"Isn't it a beauty?" said Mr. Gannett, looking at it. "I bought it to be company for you while I'm away."

"You're too good to me, Jem," said his wife. She walked all round the cage admiring it, the parrot, which was of a highly suspicious and nervous disposition, having had boys at its last place, turning with her. After she had walked round him five times, he got sick of it and in a simple, sadonly fashion said so.

"Oh, Jem!" said his wife.

"It's a beautiful talker," said Gannett hastily, "and it's so clever that it picks up everything it hears, but it'll soon forget it."

"It looks as though it knows what you are saying," said his wife. "Just look at it, the artful thing!"

The opportunity was too good to be missed, and in a few straightforward lies the engineer acquainted Mrs. Gannett of the miraculous powers with which he had chosen to endow it.

"But you don't believe it?" said his wife, staring at him open mouthed.

"I do," said the engineer firmly.

"But how can it know what I'm doing when I'm away?" persisted Mrs. Gannett.

"Ah, that's its secret," said the engineer. "A good many people would like to know that, but nobody has found out yet. It's a magic bird, and when you've said that you've said all there is to say about it."

Mrs. Gannett, wrinkling her forehead, eyed the marvelous bird curiously.

"You'll find it's quite true," said Gannett. "When I come home, that bird'll be able to tell me how you've been and all about you. Everything you've done during my absence."

"Good gracious!" said the astonished Mrs. Gannett.

"If you stay out after 7 of an evening or do anything else that I shouldn't like, that bird'll tell me," continued the engineer impressively. "It'll tell me who comes to see you, and, in fact, it will tell me everything you do while I'm away."

"Well, it won't have anything bad to tell of me," said Mrs. Gannett composedly, "unless it tells lies."

"It can't tell lies," said her husband confidently, "and now if you will go and put your bonnet on we'll drop in at the theater for half an hour."

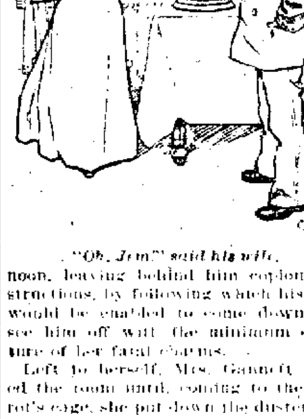
It was a prophetic utterance, for he made such a fuss over the man next to his wife offering her his opera glasses that they left, at the urgent request of the management, in almost exactly that space of time.

"You'd better carry me about in a bandbox," said Mrs. Gannett wearily as the outraged engineer stalked home beside her. "What harm was the man doing?"

"You must have given him some encouragement," said Mr. Gannett fiercely; "made eyes at him or something. A man wouldn't offer to lend a lady his opera glasses without."

Mrs. Gannett tossed her head, and that so decidedly that a passing stranger turned his head and looked at her. Mr. Gannett accelerated his pace and, taking his wife's arm, led her swiftly home with a passion too great for words.

By the morning his anger had evaporated, but the misgivings remained. He left after breakfast for the Curlew, which was to sail in the afternoon, leaving behind him copious instructions, by following which his wife would be enabled to come down and see him off with the minimum exposure of her fatal charms.


"Oh, Jem!" said his wife.

Left to herself, Mrs. Gannett dusted the room until, coming to the parrot's cage, she put down the duster and eyed its occupant curiously. She fancied that she saw an evil glitter in the creature's eye, and the knowing way in which it drew the film over it was as near an approach to a wink as a bird could get.

She was still looking at it when there was a knock at the door, and a bright little woman, rather smartly dressed, bustled into the room and greeted her effusively.

"I just came to see you, my dear, because I thought a little outing would do me good," she said briskly, "and if you've no objection I'll come down to the docks with you to see the boat off."

Mrs. Gannett assented readily. It would ease the engineer's mind, she thought, if he saw her with a chaperon.

"Nice bird," said Mrs. Chuffins mechanically, bringing her parasol to the charge.

"Don't do that," said her friend hastily.

"Why not?" said the other.

"Language!" said Mrs. Gannett solemnly.

"Well, I must do something to it," said Mrs. Chuffins restlessly.

She held the parasol near the cage and suddenly opened it. It was a flaming scarlet, and for the moment the shock took the parrot's breath away.

"He don't mind that," said Mrs. Gannett.

The parrot, hopping to the farther corner of the bottom of his cage, said something feebly. Finding that nothing dreadful happened, he repeated his remark somewhat more boldly and, being convinced after all that the apparition was quite harmless and that he had displayed his craven spirit for nothing, hopped back on his perch and raved wickedly.

"If that was my bird," said Mrs. Chuffins, almost as scarlet as her parasol, "I should wring its neck."

"No, you wouldn't," said Mrs. Gannett solemnly and, having quieted the bird by throwing a cloth over its cage, explained its properties.

"What?" said Mrs. Chuffins, unable to sit still in her chair. "You mean to tell me that your husband said that?"

Mrs. Gannett nodded. "He's awfully jealous of me," she said, with a slight simper.

"I wish he was my husband," said Mrs. Chuffins in a thin, hard voice. "I wish C. would talk to me like that. I wish somebody would try and persuade C. to talk to me like that."

"It shows he's fond of me," said Mrs. Gannett, looking down.

Mrs. Chuffins jumped up and, snatching the cover off the cage, endeavored, but in vain, to get the parasol through the bars.

"And you believe that rubbish?" she said scathingly. "Bah, you wretch!"

"I don't believe it," said her friend, taking her gently away and recovering the cage hastily just as the bird was recovering, "but I let him think I do."

"I call it an outrage," said Mrs. Chuffins, waving the parasol wildly. "I never heard of such a thing. I'd like to give Mr. Gannett a piece of my mind, just about half an hour of it. He wouldn't be the same man afterward. I'd parrot him!"

Mrs. Gannett, soothing her agitated friend as well as she was able, led her gently to a chair and removed her bonnet and, finding that complete recovery was impossible while the parrot remained in the room, took that wonder working bird outside.

By the time they had reached the docks and boarded the Curlew Mrs. Chuffins had quite recovered her spirits. She roamed about the steamer asking questions which savored more of idle curiosity than a genuine thirst for knowledge and was at no pains to conceal her opinion of those who were unable to furnish her with satisfactory replies.

"I shall think of you every day, Jem," said Mrs. Gannett tenderly.

"I shall think of you every minute," said the engineer reproachfully.

He sighed gently and gazed in a scandalized fashion at Mrs. Chuffins, who was carrying on a desperate flirtation with one of the apprentices.

"She's very light hearted," said his wife, following the direction of his eyes.

"She is," said Mr. Gannett curtly as the unconscious Mrs. Chuffins shortened her parasol and rapped the apprentice playfully with the handle.

"She seems to be on very good terms with Jenkins, laughing and carrying on. I don't suppose she's ever seen him before," said the engineer.

"Poor young thing," said Mrs. Chuffins solemnly, as she came up to them. "Don't you worry, Mr. Gannett. I'll look after her and keep her from moping."

"You're very kind," said the engineer slowly.

"We'll have a jolly time," said Mrs. Chuffins. "I often wish my husband was a seafaring man. A wife does have more freedom, doesn't she?"

"More what?" inquired Mr. Gannett huskily.

"More freedom," said Mrs. Chuffins gravely. "I always envy sailors' wives. They can do as they like. No husband to look after them for nine or ten months in the year."

Before the unhappy engineer could put his indignant thoughts into words, there was a warning cry from the gangway, and with a hasty farewell he hurried below. The visitors went ashore, the gangway was shipped, and, in response to the clang of the telegraph the Curlew drifted slowly away from the quay and headed for the swing bridge slowly opening in front of her.

The two ladies hurried to the pierhead and watched the steamer down the river until a bend hid it from view. Then Mrs. Gannett, with a sensation of having lost something, due, her friend assured her, to the want of a cup of tea, went slowly back to her lonely home.

In the period of grass widowhood which ensued, Mrs. Chuffins' visits formed almost the sole relief to the bare monotony of existence. As a companion the parrot was an utter failure, its language being so irredeemably bad that it spent most of its time in the spare room with a cloth over its cage wondering when the days were going to lengthen again.

Mrs. Chuffins suggested selling it, but her friend repelled the suggestion with horror and refused to entertain it at any price, even that of the publican at the corner, who had heard of the bird's command of language and was bent upon buying it.

"I wonder what that beauty will have to tell your husband," said Mrs. Chuffins as they sat together one day some four months after the Curlew's departure.

"I should hope that he has forgotten that rubbish," said Mrs. Gannett, reddening. "He never alludes to it in his letters."

"Sell it," said Mrs. Chuffins peremptorily. "It's no good to you, and Jimson would give anything for it almost."

Mrs. Gannett shook her head. "The house wouldn't hold my husband if I did," she remarked with a shiver.

"Oh, yes, it would!" said Mrs. Chuffins. "You do as I tell you, and a much smaller house than this would hold him. I told C. to tell Jimson he should have it for £5."

"But he mustn't," said her friend in alarm.

"Leave yourself right in my hands," said Mrs. Chuffins, spreading out two small palms and regarding them complacently. "It'll be all right, I promise you."

She put her arm around her friend's waist and led her to the window, talking earnestly. In five minutes Mrs. Gannett was wavering, in ten she had given away, and in 15 the energetic Mrs. Chuffins was en route for Jimson's, swinging the cage so violently in her excitement that the parrot was reduced to holding on to its perch with claws and bill and could only think. Mrs. Gannett watched their progress from the window and with a queer look on her face sat down to think out the points of attack and defense in the approaching fray.

A week later a four wheeler drove up to the door, and the engineer, darting up stairs three steps at a time, dropped an armful of parcels on the floor and caught his wife in an embrace which would have done credit to a bear. Mrs. Gannett, for reasons of which lack of muscle was only one, responded less ardently.

"Ha, it's good to be home again!" said Gannett, sinking into an easy chair and pulling his wife on his knee. "And how have you been? Lonely?"

"I got used to it," said Mrs. Gannett softly.

The engineer coughed. "You had the parrot," he remarked.

"Yes, I had the magic parrot," said Mrs. Gannett.

"How's it getting on?" said her husband, looking round. "Where is it?"

"Part of it is on the mantelpiece," said Mrs. Gannett, trying to speak calmly, "part of it is in a bonnet box up stairs, some of it's in my pocket and here is the remainder."

She fumbled in her pocket and placed in his hand a cheap two bladed clasp knife.

"On the mantelpiece?" repeated the engineer, staring at the knife. "In a bonnet box?"

"Those blue vases," said his wife.

Mr. Gannett put his hand to his head. If he had heard aright, one parrot had changed into a pair of blue vases, a bonnet and a knife. A magic bird with a vengeance!

"I sold it," said Mrs. Gannett suddenly.

The engineer's knee stiffened inhospitably, and his arm dropped from his wife's waist. She rose quietly and took a chair opposite.

"Sold it!" said Mr. Gannett in awful tones. "Sold my parrot!"

"I didn't like it, Jem," said his wife. "I didn't want that bird watching me, and I did want the vases and the bonnet and the little present for you."

Mr. Gannett pitched the little present to the other end of the room.

"You see, it mightn't have told the truth, Jem," continued Mrs. Gannett. "It might have told all sorts of lies about me and made no end of mischief."

"It couldn't lie," shouted the engineer passionately, rising from his chair and pacing the room. "It's your guilty conscience that's made a coward of you. How dare you sell my parrot?"

"Because it wasn't truthful, Jem," said his wife, who was now a little pale.

"If you were half as truthful, you'd do," vociferated the engineer, standing over her. "Oh, you deceitful woman!"

Mrs. Gannett fumbled in her pocket again and producing a small handkerchief applied it delicately to her eyes.

"I—I got rid of it for your sake," she stammered. "It used to tell such lies about you I couldn't bear to listen to it."

"About me?" said Mr. Gannett, sinking into his seat and staring at his wife with very natural amazement. "Tell lies about me? Nonsense. How could it?"

"I suppose it could tell me about you as easily as it could you about me," said Mrs. Gannett. "There was more magic in that bird than you thought, Jem. It used to say shocking things about you. I couldn't bear it."

"Do you think you're talking to a child or a fool?" demanded the engineer hotly.

Mrs. Gannett shook her head feebly. She still kept the handkerchief to her eyes, but allowed a portion to drop over her mouth.

"I should like to hear some of the lies it told about me," said the engineer, with bitter sarcasm, "if you can remember them."

"The first lie," said Mrs. Gannett in a feeble but ready voice, "was about the time you were at Genoa. The parrot said you were at some concert gardens at the upper end of the town."

One moist eye came mildly from behind the handkerchief just in time to see the engineer stiffen suddenly in his chair.

"I don't suppose there even is such a place," she continued.

"I believe there is," said her husband jerkily. "I've heard our chaps talk of it."

"But you haven't been there?" said his wife anxiously.

"Never!" said the engineer, with extraordinary vehemence.

"That wicked bird said that you got intoxicated there," said Mrs. Gannett in solemn accents, "that you smashed a little marble topped table and knocked down two waiters and that if it hadn't have been for the captain of the Pursuit, who was in there and who got you away, you'd have been locked up. Wasn't it a wicked bird?"

"Horrible!" said the engineer huskily.

"I don't suppose there ever was a ship called the Pursuit," continued Mrs. Gannett.

"Doesn't sound like a ship's name," murmured Mr. Gannett.

"Well, then a few days later it said the Curlew was at Naples."

"I never went ashore all the time we were at Naples," remarked the engineer casually.

"The parrot said you did," said Mrs. Gannett.

"I suppose you'll believe your own lawful husband before that dashed bird?" shouted Gannett, starting up.

"Of course I didn't believe it, Jem," said his wife. "I'm trying to prove to you that the bird was not truthful, but you're so hard to persuade."

Mr. Gannett took a pipe from his pocket and with a small knife dug, with much severity and determination, a hardened plug from the bowl and blew noisily through the stem.

"There was a girl kept a fruit stall just by the harbor," said Mrs. Gannett, "and on this evening, on the strength of having bought three pennyworth of green figs, you put your arm round her waist and tried to kiss her, and her sweetheart, who was standing close by, tried to stab you. The parrot said that you were in such a state of terror that you jumped into the harbor and was nearly drowned."

"Sold it! Sold my parrot!"

Mr. Gannett, having loaded his pipe, lit it slowly and carefully and with tidy precision got up and deposited the match in the fireplace.

"It used to frighten me so with its stories that I hardly knew what to do with myself," continued Mrs. Gannett, "when you were at Suez."

The engineer waved his hand imperiously.

"That's enough," he said stiffly.

"I'm sure I don't want to have to repeat what it told me about Suez," said his wife. "I thought you'd like to hear it, that's all."

"Not at all," said the engineer, puffing at his pipe. "Not at all."

"But you see why I got rid of the bird, don't you?" said Mrs. Gannett. "If it had told you untruths about me, you would have believed them, wouldn't you?"

Mr. Gannett took his pipe from his mouth and took his wife in his extended arms. "No, my dear," he said brokenly, "no more than you believed all this stuff about me."

"And I did quite right to sell it, didn't I, Jem?"

"Quite right," said Mr. Gannett, with a great assumption of heartiness. "Best thing to do with it."

"You haven't heard the worst yet," said Mrs. Gannett. "When you were at Suez"—

Mr. Gannett consigned Suez to its only rival and, thumping the table with his clinched fist, forbade his wife to mention the word again and desired her to prepare supper.

Not until he heard her moving about in the kitchen below did he relax the severity of his countenance. Then his expression changed to one of extreme anxiety, and he restlessly paced the room seeking for light. It came suddenly.

"Jenkins," he gasped, "that little brute Jenkins. That's what he was writing to Mrs. Chuffins about, and I was going to tell Chuffins about it. I expect he knows the letters by heart."

Well Regulated Parents.

"Our little Dick makes very clever conundrums—really very clever."

"Can you guess them?"

"Oh, we never dare do that. Little Dick wants to tell the answers himself."—Indianapolis Journal.

Eugene L. Hall, the poet and publisher says that one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice when hoarseness threatened to prevent his lecture at Central Music Hall, Chicago. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

BRUNHILDA.

Brunhilda, shadows touched of sunlight seem
To lurk within the musing maiden eyes
Below the depths, where, unexplored, there lies
As in a sleep, a dim remembered dream
Of [illegible] along an ancient stream
Which in old Norseman forests had its rise
And murmuring seaward under brooding skies,
[illegible] the silver gleam.
The wind swept [illegible] sea, mist blown and gray;
Where [illegible] viking fathers, sons of war,
Sought the bold tempest as a boy his play,
Exultant in the elemental roar
Of wind and wave and warriors' battle fray
Re-echoing life to thee in primal store!
—Charles Tilden Sempers in Ainslee's Magazine.

Verdavin's Candidacy

How the Representative of His Wife Was Elected.

Should you ever happen to visit the department of Trois-Etoiles and mention the name of M. Verdavin it is safe betting that your interlocutor, no matter who he may be, will exclaim:

"Verdavin! Well, of all the ambitious, intriguing men I ever met Verdavin was the worst!"

However, now that the vox populi has pronounced upon my old friend, permit me to have the honor of introducing to you the real Verdavin, that you may compare him with Verdavin the legendary.

Born of honest but not poor parents, Amedee—such was his name—had from his childhood up one single care—to live quietly and cozily on the 30,000 francs a year bequeathed to him by his pa and ma. He had a cheery little town residence, a love of a country house. In spring he made a little trip to Paris; in summer he fished; in autumn he shot; in winter there was the club. Nothing could have been pleasanter.

Nevertheless Amedee perceived that something still was lacking in his life. He wanted some one to keep his accounts and oversee his expenditures. How was he to get rid of this business which threatened his idleness and placidity? He made up his mind to take a wife.

She whom he had chosen was a young girl of candid brow, but full of resolution, a fact which had guided Verdavin in his selection. He had said to himself, "She will have will enough to see after all my business affairs, and I shall be saved any trouble in such matters."

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Yon moon that shone above, round as the crown of his hat, had not yet filled her horn six times after their marriage when one fine morning my lady summoned her husband, who hastened to her apartments, bearing in his hand a package of hooks, to which he was attaching new lengths of line and gut.

"What is it, my darling?"

"Amedee, be so good as to listen to me. During the six months of our married life I have been studying your character and scrutinizing your aptitudes, for you know well that a man of your age and position cannot rust in inglorious idleness."

"Why, bless me, Emmie, I thought my time was sufficiently occupied. For instance, just at this very moment I was setting off for the brook, where I expected to get you a mess of fish for dinner that"—

"Amedee, be serious, I beg of you, if you can. I have been canvassing the whole subject thoroughly in my mind and have found the one pursuit"—

"But, my dear, when I say that"—

"That one pursuit in which nowadays a man can rise to power and honor is politics."

"Politics! Heaven be praised, I never have gone in for politics, and, heaven helping me, madame, I never will."

"In three weeks there will be an election in this department. I will—that is to say, you will—come forward as a candidate."

"But, dearest, you have not thought"—

"Yes, dear, I have thought it over in its every aspect. Indeed I have prepared your address to the electors."

"The deuce you have!"

"Don't swear, Amedee. Swearing offends the scrupulous voters. Do you think it is very agreeable for a woman to spend all her lifetime shut up in this poky old hole, absolutely unknown? The provinces do not make reputations, but they elect deputies. What would I not give to hear people say as I passed: 'You see that pretty little woman in brown? She's the wife of our representative.'"

"Emmie, you are only jesting!"

"This, then, is the address you are to issue to the electors," and she read as follows:

> "Fellow Citizens—At a time when the well being—nay, the very existence—demands the harmonious union of all patriotic men I feel it my duty to desire an opportunity of combating on the parliamentary field of battle for the regeneration of our beloved country. What I desire—what you must all desire—is order in liberty, with liberty in order."

There were nearly three columns of this.

The next morning there began for the unhappy Verdavin a life the horrors of which it would be difficult to retrace. He, the friend of repose, the enemy of emotion!

For instance, one day madame said: "Amedee, I have drawn up a list of the leading residents of each parish in the constituency. We will call on the most prominent. You will write to the others."

"Seventeen hundred letters! I never could."

"You can easily hire secretaries. In half an hour we will set off on this indispensable journey."

For 15 days the only man one seemed to meet on the roads, the steamboats, the cars, was the unhappy Verdavin, the candidate in spite of himself. In the pelting rain, in the broiling sun everywhere went he. Every morning his wife drew up the programme for his day's journey; every night he had to bring home to her good and sufficient evidence that he had been at each place he claimed to have visited.

Grand outcome: the bronchitis, three mild sunstrokes, an incurable rheumatism and a confirmed gastric disease contracted through drinking prosperity to France with 346 electors daily.

"Emmie," he at last gasped like one about to faint, "I feel that my strength"—

"Tomorrow," she said relentlessly, "you will canvass the 47 parishes on this list."

And on all sides nothing was heard but exclamations of "What an ambitious chap that Verdavin is! Who ever saw any one like him?"

"Amedee," she said next day, "your address has not been circulated widely enough. I have had 100,000 extra copies struck off and distributed."

"But, dear, printing comes ruinously expensive. This morning only I have paid one bill of sixteen thous"—

"You must also manage to have your name mentioned in connection with generous deeds. I have ordered six organs for as many churches in as many close parishes."

"S-i-x o-r-g-a-n-s!"

"Yes, and 12 fire engines for villages that are unprotected from the ravages of the destroying element and where there is a large floating vote. Imagine how gratified the poor people will be!"

"But, Emmie, I cannot make ducks and drakes—I mean church organs and parish fire engines—of my fortune."

"And do you count it for nothing, then, the glory of being a statesman? Besides, once in politics, you are sure of getting your money back a hundredfold."

"What a devil of a fellow that Verdavin is!" said the outside world in awestruck amazement and admiration. "He'll spend every franc he has before he'll let himself be beaten."

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One pleasant morning—it was just a week before the election—madame aroused at early dawn M. Verdavin, who was still sleeping soundly, not having, indeed, returned from an exhausting journey to the back districts until 2 a. m.

"Amedee," she cried, "rouse yourself! The honor of our name has been vilely thrust under foot and trodden in the dust, and you must avenge it." And she handed the unhappy man a newspaper in which he read the following:

> It is about time to have done with the brazen impudence of the charlatan who is traversing our streets and highways. This Verdavin, a fellow of the baser sort, seeks, but seeks in vain, to conceal his demagogic instincts. He demands "Liberty." We all know what that word means with him. Behind it he prepares an ambuscade for property, the family, religion. This Verdavin, dealer in votes and haunter of low taverns, is nothing more nor less than a scalawag who has not even the courage of his incendiary opinions.

"But this is not all," said his wife and handed him another journal, in which he read:

> Let the mask be torn off! Our intelligent voters will not let themselves be imposed upon by a Tartuffe of the gutters. Verdavin, a double ender politician and a perfect nullity, pretends to array himself on the side of the cause of order. It is under such a guise that the friends of despotism usually do their hellish work. This odious being, whom we will not further pollute our type by naming, has evidently been hired to complicate the situation by his candidacy. Let the electors rise in their might and sweep from the field this vain idiot.

Next morning Verdavin received a sword thrust in the left arm from the Legitimist editor, and the day afterward one to match in the right arm from the Radical editor.

At last the day of the election arrived. Verdavin had conducted his canvass with unsparing energy; his complicated disorders had given him a corpselike appearance; he had spent three-quarters of his fortune; he carried both of his arms in slings.

But at night the prefect made the official declaration:

"Elected—Verdavin, 23,672 votes.

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It was a week later when he entered the chamber of deputies. His wife, radiant and rejoicing, was in one of the galleries. He had chosen a seat in the center—order in liberty, as it were. He arrived in the middle of a debate. Precisely at that instant a vote had been taken, and, as he reached the center of the hall, he heard the president declaring that, inasmuch as it was literally honeycombed with fraudulent practices, the assembly thereby invalidated the election of M. Verdavin.

M. Verdavin fainted.

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Mme. Verdavin has brought an action for separation and the management of her own estate. The bill alleges that the aforesaid Amedee Verdavin is hopelessly possessed with the mania of political ambition.

And the public say of his wife: "Poor little woman, it is a wonder she didn't bring her action sooner. That confounded idiot must have spent three-quarters of her fortune with his senseless ideas of ambition."—Translated From the French For Argonaut.

CATCHING SMELTS.

How the Little Fish Are Hooked Through the Ice.

The smelts are all caught with hook and line, says the Bangor Commercial. Taking them otherwise, such as by seine, would be regarded by the fishermen here as a great wrong. The fishing is all done in tents, the tents being about six feet long, five feet wide and high enough for a man to stand up in them.

These tents are covered with cloth, heated by a stove and lighted usually by a lantern. I have known the temperature of my tent to vary, however, 60 degrees within ten minutes during a cold day.

A hole about six feet long and eight inches wide is cut in the ice and the tent set lengthwise of this. Six lines attached to a pole fastened to the plates of the tent hang into the water nearly eight inches apart. These lines during fishing hours are always kept in motion.

The way the fishermen handle these lines, how they can bait the hooks and slat smelts, when, as they say, they are "taking holt," is certainly wonderful. I have known one man to catch 100 pounds in less than one hour. This means at least 1,000 fish, or about 17 a minute. One smelter has been known to catch 500 pounds during one tide's fishing.

Some have made $25 to $30 a day and others $200 in a few weeks. But these big catches are only made by those expert in fishing. The chances are that a green hand would starve the first winter if dependent wholly on what fish he caught.

The Most Ungrammatical.

A literary man who has just returned from the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania says that he found a great quantity of "local color" there. He also says he heard the most ungrammatical sentence while there that ever came under his notice. He was strolling through a mining village in Schuylkill county when he heard a woman calling, and at some distance off saw several children who were playing in the road. When he reached them, he said kindly:

"Your mother is calling you, children."

The largest child, a girl of about 10 years, turned to him and said:

"Her ain't a-callin we; us don't belong to she."—New York Times.

An Opera Air In Church.

Those of my churchgoing readers who are familiar with Mozart's opera of "Don Juan" and have ever sung it in church in—

I am conscious of an interruption and a protest at this point, denying the allegation and defying the alleger, but I must insist on the truth of my statement. The tune "Smyrna" is not sung so much in church as it used to be, but you could find it in plenty of tunebooks 25 years ago. It is a beautiful melody, but not devotional, except as it expresses the devotion of the fickle coquette in the opera as she consoles her bruised lover.—Irish Independent.

Lingering LaGrippe Cough.

G. Vachen, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "My wife had a very severe case of la grippe and it left her with a very bad cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Price 25c. and 50c. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Announcements.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Hon. Joseph C. Sibley announces that pursuant to the call of friends in the various counties in the 27th district, he will be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primaries to be held on April 7.

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

EDITOR EDITOR:—This is your authority for announcing that I am a candidate for Member of Congress from the 27th district, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

R. B. STONE.

Bradford, Pa., March 17, 1900.

STATE SENATOR.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for State Senator subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

MYRON MATSON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce me as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

THOS. F. RICHMOND.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the State Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

M. H. HOUGHTON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the Assembly, subject to Republican primaries, April 7.

J. H. GRANT,

Kane, Pa., March 20, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

S. T. SWARTZ.

Bradford, Pa., March 21, 1900.

NATIONAL DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

JAMES A. MCKEAN.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

STATE DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my candidacy for delegate to the State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county at the primaries.

DAVID HOWELLS,

Kane, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

CHAS. A. DUKE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

J. M. MCELROY,

Bradford, Jan. 29, 1900.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for Jury Commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

WALTER OSTRANDER.

Port Allegany, Feb. 12, 1900.

Republican Primaries.

The Republican caucuses or primary elections will be held at the usual polling places, in each district of McKean county, Saturday, April 7, 1900, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., for the purpose of recommending a district delegate to the National Republican convention; one person for Congress; one person for State Senator; and electing three delegates to the Republican State convention, and placing in nomination two persons for member of Assembly and one person for Jury Commissioner. The county convention acting as a canvassing board, to declare the result of said caucuses and for the purpose of electing a chairman of the county committee, will meet at the court house at Smethport, on Tuesday, April 10, 1900, at 2 p. m.

MYRON MATSON, Chairman.

E. L. RYAN, Secretary.

Bradford, March 2, 1900.

THE Loud bill has been defeated.

To purify politics with falsehood the Star has a large contract.

THE Star's personal attacks on Republican candidates will gain nothing unless defeat for the candidates it advocates.

AT the primary election last Saturday the Stalwarts carried Butler, Blair, Crawford and Erie counties, while the Antis carried Lebanon.

THE suit for millions between Andrew Carnegie and H. C. Frick has been settled and they are still partners. A new organization has been perfected and capitalized at $250,000,000.

THE editor of the Democrat takes exceptions to our saying that persons who will bolt the regular primary nominations can "rightly be called party wreckers." Mr. Lindsley's political ideas have always been peculiar.

AT the Democratic county committee meeting in Bradford last Saturday, the following delegates to the state convention were selected: Frank Hamilton and C. G. Fitzgibbon, of Bradford, and B. F. McConnell, of Kane, were selected as delegates and R. P. Cotter, of Eldred, W. P. Walsh, of Smethport, and James Maloney, of Sergeant township were elected alternates. The Chicago platform and William Jennings Bryan were heartily endorsed.

THE chairman of the Democratic National Committee was one of the beneficiaries of the great trust which oppressed the cotton-growers of the South. The last Democratic nominee for governor of Ohio, and an eminent figure in the councils of that party, has acquired an immense fortune via monopolies. The men who dominated the last Democratic administration are to day connected with trusts of all descriptions. Yet the Democratic party strives to pose as the great anti-trust organization. The trust problem will be solved by the Republican party just as all other great problems have been solved by it. The Democratic party agitates but does not accomplish.

THE Bradford Star has started in to purify the Republican politics of McKean county but has opened in a way that will cause the honest voter to doubt its motive. Honesty and truthfulness are two of the necessary ingredients to produce purity and in these the Star seems to be lacking. When the Star says, "Mr. Richmond can hardly expect the Republicans of McKean county to support him again since he did not keep faith with them," it utters a false statement to injure Hon. T. F. Richmond in his canvass for renomination and re-election. Two years ago when Mr. Richmond was nominated for the Assembly he had no opposition and never made any promise to support or fight Mr. Quay for the United States Senate either before or after his nomination or election. These are facts the Star cannot deny and if it wishes to have any influence with its readers we would advise it to adhere to the truth more closely.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mch. 26, 1900.

Senator Foraker frankly stated, when he asked that his Porto Rico bill, to which the House bill had been attached, be sent back to committee, that it was desired to have his bill remain in committee until the Senate was given an opportunity to vote on the House bill alone, which deals with nothing but the tariff. Mr. Foraker believes the House bill will be passed.

The Senate carried out one of President McKinley's recommendations when it passed the bill authorizing the appointment by the President of a commission to visit Asia and study and report upon the best methods for increasing American commerce with China and Japan.

A bill appropriating $10,000 to pay the expenses of securing a proper design for a memorial to Gen Grant, to be erected in Washington, was passed by the House without a dissenting vote.

Senator Gallagher, who is a member of the committee on Porto Rico, in a speech advocating the 15 per cent. duty on Porto Rico products other than coffee, which, by the way, constitutes four fifths of the island's exports, said: "We are proposing to treat Porto Rico better than we treat any territory of the United States. We collect internal revenue taxes in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Indian Territory and Arizona, and every dollar of it goes into the United States treasury. We shall collect internal revenue taxes in Porto Rico, too, but every dollar so collected will be returned to the Porto Ricans and be used for their benefit." Of the connection of trusts with the question and their alleged control of republican policy, Mr. Gallinger said: "We heard the same when Hawaii was annexed and free entry to our ports was given Hawaiian sugar. Now it is raised again when we propose to place a small duty upon the products of Porto Rico, for the benefit of the Porto Ricans themselves. The trust which is suffering the trust which we are oppressing by this legislation is composed of some gentlemen at the Arlington hotel in this city, a trust headed by the British vice consul at San Juan. That trust is suffering considerably. Those gentlemen bought up the sugar under the full Dingley rates, and if they can get it into this country free of duty, they will make the full 100 per cent. of the tariff; but if we succeed in putting a tariff duty of 15 per cent. of the Dingley rate on that sugar, the trust's profits will be cut down by that much, and the people of Porto Rico will benefit to that extent."

Chairman Hitt, of the House committee on foreign affairs, agreed a few days ago for that committee to make an investigation of the charge made by ex-Consul Macrum, that official mail from Washington, to the United States consulate at Pretoria, had been held up and opened by British military officers, without the adopeion of a formal resolution by the House, and the investigation will be started this week.

Secretary Root's answer to the Senate resolution asking if he had given any exclusive permit for dredging the gold bearing sands of the ocean off the Alaska coast shows that no exclusive permits have been issued for such dredging, but that under authority of law, as interpreted by Mr. Root and every member of the cabinet, permits have been issued to several applicants to dredge the ocean bed from the line of low water outwards off the Alaskan coast, when it may be done without interfering with navigation and will be issued to others who may apply for them. Inasmuch as these permits have been issued to all applicants, there is nothing exclusive about them. Thus, another mare's nest is disposed of.

The past week marked the retirement from public service of the ablest and best equipped man that has ever acted and served as commissioner of patents, Hon. Arthur P. Greeley. His resignation emphasizes the utter inadequacy of the salaries of the commissioner of patents and his staff of expert examiners. Mr. Greeley, though only 38 years old, is a writer on patent law. The loss to the public service of such a man is irreparable, and the government would better pay the head of the Patent Office the salary of a member of the cabinet than have a man like Greeley resign.

Senator Spooner has been the recipient of many congratulations on the able manner in which he got the best of Senator Tillman in the extended colloquy between them, which began on the Porto Rico question, but took in a number of other things, including the method adopted to secure white supremacy in South Carolina, methods which Mr. Tillman frankly acknowledged and said he was glad were adopted. Mr. Spooner at no time lost his temper, although Mr. Tillman did several times, and endeavored to anger Mr. Spooner by tantalizing remarks. This is not the first oratorical victory won by Senator Spooner, who has long been known as one of the strongest men in the Senate in a running debate.

MRS. HETTY GREEN has denied that her daughter was engaged to Duke de la Torre of Spain and says: "Dukes may be all right, but for my part, I'd rather my daughter would marry a good, wide-awake newspaper reporter than any duke in the world."

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Trouble Brewing in Central America.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

The prospect of war in Central America brings once more before the world a story as romantic and strange as ever a novelist devised.

In the early days of the Republic of Nicaragua, there was a President named Mora, whose genius for constructive statesmanship has been felt for good in that country ever since he ruled. It was in a measure a golden age for Nicaragua and the memory of Senor Mora is held in respect and reverence. President Mora had a son who developed a strong turn for public life, and whose virtues and abilities prevented him from becoming a party to the methods used by those who took upon themselves the power of President making in the little republic. Hence while he had a strong following, he was never until a late day able to cope with the clique that ran things in their own interest. He finally started a campaign that might have ended in his becoming President, but in the early stages of the struggle he was called by business to New York.

While there the agents of the Nicaraguan government hatched a plot to involve him in infamy. He was charged by them with counterfeiting Nicaraguan money in New York, and as this is a crime that is recognized by our laws he was tried and convicted by our courts and sentenced to prison. He had spent almost all of his money in defending himself, and by diplomatic representations to our government Nicaragua prevented his pardon. He was only recently set at liberty, and securing funds from his family, which is a rich and influential one, he made his way at once to Costa Rica, where he laid his plans for an attack upon the government of Nicaragua.

Zelaya, the present President of that country, is declared by Mora to be a party to the attack upon his good name, and it is as much a matter of personal vengeance that he contemplates as it is a political move for the benefit of his country. This is about all there is to the war scare. Certainly the Costa Rican government has shown a friendly face toward Mora and his band of raiders, and has done little or nothing to prevent the success of his proposed attack upon Zelaya. It is claimed that he has about four thousand men under arms. If this be true he may have the power to throw out the present Nicaraguan government, for his friends in his own country are numerous.

As we contemplate building a canal through that country we necessarily have an interest in the result of any revolution that may occur, hence the sending of American warships to the coasts of the country.

Aguinaldo's Allies.

Philadelphia Times.

Bishop Potter has been out to Manila and has come home convinced that his early fears of "imperialism" were unnecessary and that the duty of the United States to retain and administer the Philippines is clear. The publication of this opinion has given great offense to the New England Anti Imperialistic League, whose secretary has addressed a letter to Bishop Potter telling him, in effect, that he does not know anything about it. His stay in Manila was too short to enable him to learn as much as the writer, one Erving Winslow, knows by staying right along in Boston, and "it may be well for you to know," he writes, "that this body has strengthened and deepened its convictions" to the contrary of Bishop Potter's judgment.

The impudence of this is characteristic and amusing and but scarcely important. What does call for some comment is the statement of this Boston person that he and his leaguers "have positive reasons for knowing that the elements that composed Congress and administration with which we should have treated fourteen months ago still exist and can easily be gathered together."

It is a fair inference from this positive assertion that Mr. Winslow and his friends are in correspondence with the Tagalo leaders and have been encouraging them in their hostility to the United States. This is not a nice business for Americans to be engaged in. The "elements that composed the admirable Congress" are the elements busily engaged in lying in wait for and shooting American soldiers, and this they are doing because of the false and misleading promises made to them by their allies here at home. These people will have a heavy accounting to make with their consciences one of these days

Excursion to Washington.

On April 7, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will run its last special excursion to Washington, from points on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, Erie to Lock Haven inclusive, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the national capital. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of $10 from Erie, St. Marys and intermediate points; $8.95 from Driftwood; $8.15 from Renovo; $7.30 from Lock Haven, and proportionate rates from other points.

A through sleeping car will be run from Erie to Washington on train leaving Erie at 4:30 p. m.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at special reduced rates.

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I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.

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A man named E. Presson, of Pressonville, Kans., wrote a letter the other day, saying the opinion of everybody in his town who has used Foley's Honey and Tar is, that it is the very best medicine for la grippe, colds, coughs, etc. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Flying Fox Sold for $187,500.

But James McGuire has a good road horse which he will sell for half that amount and give a liberal discount for cash.

Barbed Wire in Warfare.

Oil City Derrick.

American barbed wire as well as American mules are much in demand in South Africa at the present time and American farmers have to pay higher prices for their fencing material as a consequence. General Weyler is said to have been the first to employ barbed wire for war purposes when he constructed his famous trochas in Cuba in his attempt to hem in the insurgents. It seems rather strange that our farmers should have to pay more for their barbed wire because there is war in South Africa. Barbed wire is used by both Boers and British in strengthening kopjes and field positions. It was found useful for the purpose during the Cuban insurrection, and again in the Philippines. In South Africa the Boers have made excellent use of the fencing, and it has probably found a regular place in the list of munitions of war. It is doubtless true that any International Court of Awards would hold that barbed wire is contraband of war.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

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Is presided over by men of ability and experience. Bring your horse here. A thorough knowledge of horses' feet enables us to do horseshoeing in a scientific manner.

The Wagon and Paint Shops

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Auditors' Report.

For the Borough of Smethport for the year 1899.

J. Colegrove, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Borough.

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LIABILITIES.

Orders outstanding Nos. [illegible]

Orders outstanding Nos. 13 to [illegible] 55 00

Bonds, Nos. [illegible] and Nos. [illegible] 6400 00

Borough Loan of [illegible] 2500 00 7304 10

RESOURCES.

Balance of E. T. Daly, Collector, Duplicate 1897 $127 26

Balance of D. H. Quinn, Collector, Duplicate 1898 [illegible]

Balance of J. B. Eastman, Collector, Duplicate 1899 [illegible]

Due from [illegible] assessments [illegible]

Cash in hands of J. Colegrove, Treasurer [illegible] 1765 25

Liabilities in excess of resources 5538 85

7304 10

And now March [illegible], 1900, having examined the accounts of Jonathan Colegrove, Treasurer, E. T. Daly, Collector, D. H. Quinn, Collector, and J. B. Eastman, Collector, we find the foregoing to be correct as against them and the Borough of Smethport as above set forth.

ALEX. [illegible], OSCAR [illegible], Auditors.

Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election [illegible] Smethport, McKean County, Pa., on Tuesday, the [illegible] of April, A. D. 1900, between the hours of [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible]

[illegible] $597,393
[illegible] 7,436
[illegible] 700

[illegible]

AMOS A. McKEAN, Pres't of Council.

Attest:
[illegible] COLEGROVE, Sec'y of Council.

Approved:
F. W. BROWNELL, Burgess.

Smethport, Pa., March [illegible], 1900. 11-5t

Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election [illegible] on Tuesday, April 10, 1900 [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] MAYO, President.

Attest:
J. N. [illegible], Sec'y.

Smethport, March [illegible], 1900.

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All our patterns are private, confined to us for Olean and you are certain that everyone will not have a carpet like yours. Come in and look at our new goods. We will not "bore" you to buy.

During this week we are making a number of specials in Velvets, Brussels and Axminsters at 95c made and laid. Make your selections early. We will hold and lay when wanted.

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We sell more candy than every store in town combined. It is simply because it iz fresh and good and we sell very closte for cash. We keep men's pants and shirts, shoes and pipes, tobacco & fish, perfumes and dishes, carpets & tinware, and all in one room.

2-day we sell you the best copper boiler at $2.45 this is less than U can buy the metal for, much less than wholesale price 2-day.

Table oil cloth we sell U at 20 and 25c yd. We retail it at today's wholesale prices. Do you realize how goods R advancing? Now is the time to buy while my old time prices last. Floor oil cloth we sell at 36c sq. yd. Felt shades go at 12c. Cloth 3[illegible]c, and these are best spring rollers. Watch for my $1 bargain assortment in China dishes. It will surprise you. Take the MINER and keep posted on how I slash prices. Goods must go and I must have cash for them and low priges is what mooves em.

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Remember the day and date for the Soap. We want to see you all. Remember 1 cake 2 each family. Only given to grown persons this is no children deal.

A. E. Stickles,

SPRAGUE BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Spring 1900.

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Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,500, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings; a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1480 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the State, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Next Sunday is April fools' day.

—Republican primaries Saturday, April 7.

—Send in your subscription before the price advances.

—Plenty of old papers at this office, for sale at 10 cents per bundle.

—Next week the spring term begins at the Clarion state normal school.

—Remember the special election April 10, in regard to a new school building.

—In another column we publish the auditors' report of the borough of Smethport.

—Rebecca A. Robinson died at her home in Mt. Alton, Saturday, aged 57 years.

—The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. employes will receive an advance of 5 per cent. April 1

—The Emerald Hose house at Ridgway was badly damaged by fire one day last week.

—Holmes & Gilfillan are erecting a large addition to their building on Mechanic street.

—Mrs. Wm. Haines entertained about twenty ladies Tuesday evening with progressive euchre.

—Amos Elder of Oil City shot and killed his wife Saturday night. The murderer escaped.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have a change in their ad at the head of these columns. Do not fail to read it.

—Joe Mundy will move his barber shop fixtures into his new stand at Yerdon's billiard room next week.

—The oyster supper given at Wells hall Saturday evening by the L. O. T. M. was a success in every way.

—Col. Burt Olson demolished the bowling record at the Athletic club last Friday, rolling up a score of 240.

—Burglars entered the depot at Glen Hazel Saturday night and carried away $3.25 in pennies, and some clothing.

—Sanchez, the Cuban pugilist, laid Jack Carrig low at Olean last Friday night. Carrig went out in the 16th round.

—Geo. A. Northrup of Mt. Jewett instituted a lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Ridgway last Thursday night.

—H. W. Rubin & Co. will open their new store about April 10. Read their new advertisement in another column of to-day's paper.

—Sheriff Farnsworth of Potter county has declared war on the "nickle in the slot" machines so popular in that county. Several machines have been confiscated.

—Charles Latham is engaged in getting material for an Allegany county, N. Y., directory.

—George Ogilvie of Eldred, a former resident of Smethport, is reported to be dangerously ill.

—Rev. Dr. Walker preached three evenings last week at Colegrove, aiding the pastor, Rev. W. F. Tubbs, in special services.

—F. H. Gould, the 18-year old son of C. O. Gould, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning at his home near Sawyer City.

—Engineer Hopper of the P., S. & N. has moved his family into the Nash residence at the corner of Main and Allegheny streets.

—Dr. Burg Chadwick, who is taking a post graduate course at Buffalo, will finish this week, and will be home the first of next week.

—We are in receipt of the Register of the Lehigh University which is chock full of interesting matter regarding this popular university.

—The new club rooms in the Central block, over Seger & Doyle's store, are being rapidly fitted up and will soon be ready for occupancy.

—Mrs. Holland, of Smethport, was received at the hospital this morning. She is under the care of Dr. Benninghoff.—Saturday's Bradford Record.

—There are many rods of sidewalk in town sadly in need of repairs. Property owners should see that their walks are placed in good condition as soon as possible.

—Mr. and Mrs. James McKean entertained a small party of friends last Thursday, at their residence on East Main street, in honor of Mrs. Williams of Chicago.

—Rev. William Marshall, for nearly 20 years rector of Christ (Episcopal) church at Coudersport, recently resigned on account of ill health. Mr. Marshall is over 80 years of age.

—The following letters remain in the post office at Smethport for the week ending March 24: Genie Gifford, C. P. Gleason, Effie Greigley, A. M. Violet, Geo. Willis, Josephe Surira.

—A correspondent to the Bolivar Breeze says: Another Shingle House young man has commenced getting shaved three times a week. Of course wedding bells will soon jingle.

—When seventy-five people will willingly pay railroad fare to Mt. Jewett to witness a minstrel show it is surely up to some enterprising person to furnish Smethport with an opera house.

—Peter Johnson, who disappeared from Mt. Jewett on Feb. 22, was found on the outskirts of that place Tuesday with a bullet hole over the left eye. It is thought to be a case of suicide.

—Stickles, the Racket Man, gives another interesting talk in his ad this week. Don't fail to read it and take advantage of his wonderful prices. He offers special inducements for you to call on April 7.

—Joe Gans of Baltimore was defeated in 12 rounds by Frank Erne of Buffalo, the lightweight champion, at New York last Friday night. The betting was 100 to 70 in favor of Gans before the fight started.

—Philadelphia Star: Judge Morrison of McKean county, was an interested listener to the proceedings in the License Court this (Friday) morning, occupying a seat on the bench with Judges Wilson and Beitler.

—On Tuesday a new locomotive arrived here for use on the Kushequa route. She is larger than the ones heretofore in use on that road and is a very handsome piece of machinery.—Mt. Jewett News.

—Mr. J. M. McElroy is the latest "sure enough" candidate mentioned for city clerk, and it is said his prospects are bright. The opinion prevails that he would make a very competent clerk.—Bradford Record.

—The weight of snow varies and is deceptive. Seventeen inches, which fell on hay scales, the platform of which was 8x14 feet, weighed 1720 pounds. No wonder buildings are crushed in by it.—Wellsboro Advocate.

—Rev. H. C. Woods, presiding elder, preached in the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday and administered the holy sacrament. The entire day was replete with special services, beginning with the early love feast.

—About seventy-five people from this place took advantage of the P., S. & N. excursion to Mt. Jewett last Friday night and witnessed a performance by Guy Brothers' minstrels. All appeared to be well pleased with the trip.

—The Eldred Eagle says that a small sized but large mouthed man from Jersey Shore was arrested in that place Monday of last week for indecent exposure and brought to Smethport and placed in jail by Constable Durlin.

—Geo. W. Cowper of Buffalo and Miss Ethel Sartwell of Olean were married at the Episcopal church in that city yesterday morning by Dr. J. W. Ashton in the presence of the families and a few close friends. The MINER and a host of friends extends congratulations.

—Bradford will soon have a silk factory and negotiations are being made by which may land another similar factory there. Bradford should feel proud of its board of trade. It is composed of hustlers, who are constantly working for Bradford's industrial betterment.

—Fry & Herzog tell you about a special sale in their ad this week to occur April 3, 4 and 5. Their elegant store in the Clark block is worthy of a visit at any time, but will be especially so on the above dates. Their ad is of special interest to the ladies. Read it.

—The Athletic club contains among its members material for a first-class base ball team. The members of that organization are naturally expected to make preliminary moves in the direction of securing suitable grounds and agitating the matter in general. They should rise to the occasion.

—Every Smethport citizen should constitute himself a committee of one to do all in his power toward the betterment of the town. Smethport has grown rapidly in the past two years and will continue to do so if a proper spirit is manifested by its citizens. Dwelling houses are what we need at present.

—D. L. Forsythe has disposed of his lot fronting on East Water street to the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern company. It is reported that the above company is now in possession of the lower half of the two squares on Water street, between Pine street and Nelson. It is very probable that the railroad's station and other buildings will be erected in that vicinity.

—Scott F. Redfield, editor in chief of the Philatelic Post, has secured quarters in the rear of J. Walkinshaw's store in the Central block, from which the Post will be issued monthly. The Post is a newsy publication calculated to fill a long felt want in philatelic circles, issued by the Nunundah Stamp and Publishing Company of this place. All concerned in the venture are confident of success from the start. A. M. Thamm, formerly of this office, will look after the mechanical part of the affair.

—Victory has perched upon the banners of the miners of the Central Pennsylvania district. By signing a compromise scale forty operators have granted a minimum increase of twenty per cent. in wages. More operators, who were unrepresented at the conference, will follow suit.—Wellsboro Advocate.

—Heredity in relation to alcohol will be presented by Dr. Young at the meeting in the M. E. chapel Tuesday evening at 7:30, April 3d, and discussed by all who are interested. The superintendents of the mothers' department invite all to attend. Music by the choir and light refreshments served. Absolutely free.

—Mr. Stub Campbell, who has made a previous gold venture, leaves this morning for Seattle, en route for Cape Nome, where he will try it once more. Stub says he will go by way of Dawson and try and get in early, thus avoiding the rush. No other candidates for the new gold fields have announced themselves.—Bradford Era.

—James Hurley, a soldier of misfortune, who has been sojourning at the poor farm, was gathered in by Officer Bronk Friday last, charged with disorderly conduct. James was committed to jail. Burgess Brownell discharged him Saturday morning with a reprimand. Hurley had both hands injured some time ago while moving timbers.

—The Bolivar Breeze says the following of "Shingle House" Jones: F. A. Jones left on Monday for Washington, D. C., where he joined the Brooklyn baseball club on their way to Augusta, Ga., where they will do their spring training. Mrs. Jones will remain in Bolivar until the team returns north when she will go to Brooklyn to reside.

—Monday afternoon T. H. Ryan, superintendent of the poor farm, came down and took back with him, Antone, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Byers. He will be sent by the county commissioners to the School for Feeble Minded Children at Polk, Pa., where it is hoped that the treatment will tend to beneficial results in his case.—Eldred Eagle.

—It is an assured fact that the erection of over twenty buildings will be started within the next few weeks in Smethport. A number of citizens will build dwelling houses. This is welcome news and gives hope that by the time fires are started in the factories next September there will be houses sufficient for the accommodation of a much larger portion of the workers and families.

—A well known Keating township farmer, who appreciates the need of Smethport in the line of dwelling houses, will soon erect several substantial houses in town. One of these will be occupied by himself and family, and the others rented. There is big money in such an investment and the wonder is that more people, with money to spare, do not build tenement houses.

—It is not too early to commence agitating a Fourth of July celebration. Hundreds of dollars will be spent by Smethport people in neighboring towns if no amusements are furnished to keep them at home. Some enterprising organization can make a comfortable sum by giving a first-class celebration, and at the same time benefit the town by keeping the people at home.

—The Hazelhurst correspondent to the Mt. Jewett Herald says: Miss Marie Lechein was called to Smethport Monday by the illness of her brother. * * The Domestic Bakery, near the spring, has been rented to a Smethport party, who will take immediate possession. * * Miss Gertrude Green, of Smethport, has returned to Hazelhurst, and is again in charge of the millinery store of Mrs. Carrie Clark & Co.

—Sunday night as Dr. Clark entered his home on the second floor of the Clark block he found that the gas had blown out in the hall and that the hall was full of it. He opened the doors and windows and waited nearly half an hour before attempting to light it. When he did there was a terrific explosion. The doctor's hair was singed by the flames and considerable damage done the furniture and woodwork of the hall.

—The most dangerous result of the Sheldon edition of the Topeka Capital is the liability of sensational ministers throughout the country seeking to emulate the Rev. Sheldon's efforts in the journalistic field. While a few of them could probably publish newspapers that would meet with greater commendation from the people in general, some of the periodicals that would be inflicted upon the reading public are appalling to contemplate.

—Chas. E. Miller, who is known to all those who have occasion to go to Smethport and have stopped at the Grand Central, as one of the most accommodating hotel clerks in that section, has been in Kane for the past two days circulating among friends. He is in receipt of a letter from M. B. Greer, who is also well known in Kane, and who is now located in Colorado. Murray says it's a great country out where he is and gives a vivid description of what he is doing.—Kane Republican.

—Judge Morrison of McKean county, Pa., decided last week the equity suit of the Whitney Glass Works vs. the Appert Glass Co. in regard to alleged purchases of the Blairsville plant of the Whitney Glass Works. The suit was brought for specific performance, the defense being that no contract had been made and that although negotiations were under way, the plant had proved unsuitable and the Appert company had refused to buy it. By the decision of the court this view of the case was most fully sustained and the bill for specific performance was dismissed with costs to the defendant. The decision seems to be absolute, endorsing the view of the Appert Glass Co. throughout in every particular. Though this point of legal difference has been hard fought it has involved no ill feeling between the parties.—Commoner and Glassworker.

Camp Factory Shut Down.

On Friday last an accident occurred at the Camp glass works which will throw nearly 200 men out of employment for at least three weeks. A large portion of the "cap" or brick top of the tank fell into the molten glass. Fortunately no one was injured by the accident. The tank was full of glass, much of which will be a complete loss. The fires had to be turned out, and the molten mass of glass was soon solid as a rock, in which was imbeded the bricks from the top. Forces of men are working night and day digging out the debris and repairing the brick work. A number of the employees will seek other situations for the balance of the fire, as the mishap necessarily shuts down the entire factory. Messrs. Camp and all others effected by the break-down have the MINER'S best wishes for good luck in quickly repairing the damage.

Special Sale of Ladies' Tailor Made Suits and Wraps at Fry & Herzog's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 3, 4 and 5. Come and look over the elegant line. Prices very low.

"Hammar Paint." How to use it. Come in and we will tell all about it. Cheapest and best. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Commencing April 1st, 1900, the drug store of L. K. Hogarth & Co. will be open night and day.

Remarkable Escape from Death.

W. E. McCammon, a resident of Smethport, but at present in the employ of A. J. Bond, as engineer on the big saw mill at Hazelhurst, had an experience Wednesday afternoon, the recollection of which will in all probability remain with him through life.

Part of Mr. McCammon's duties consist in seeing that everything progresses in a satisfactory manner in the lower portion of the mill, and when belts go wrong, or elevators clog, it devolves upon him to set things right. At about 3 p. m. Wednesday, a stray piece of slab obstructed the elevator which carries the saw dust from the big saws to the furnace room, and with the intention of removing it he took his position on a plank which had been placed upon a couple of timbers of the mill near the elevator and several feet from the floor from whence he could reach the obstruction. A small shaft making 150 revolutions per minute extended along between the plank upon which he stood and the elevator. In reaching over McCammon's clothing was caught by a set screw on this shaft, and instantly he was jerked from his position and whirled about with the shaft. Fortunately, although the space between the shaft and the surrounding timbers of the mill was but small, McCammon's body did not come in contact with them, and on what he thinks was the second revolution, he succeeded in laying hold upon the side of the elevator trough and holding on until the shaft ripped every vestige of clothing from his person except his shoes and stockings and a portion of a shirt.

When McCammon escaped from his position he notified his fellow workmen, and they procured for him an outfit of clothing, in which he made his way to his boarding house, the clothes which the power of the machinery had removed from his person, being completely destroyed. Possibly the most remarkable feature in connection with his escape from a horrible death is the fact that on Thursday morning he was in condition to resume his duties, which he did, noting only a few bruises about his person and a sprained arm.

When interviewed by the Herald man Thursday, he was smiling and thankful, and remarked that as he was 38 years of age, married, and the father of six children, he had no particular desire to hustle off just yet. After investigating the circumstances attending upon his latest experience we are inclined to the opinion that he is destined to die of old age.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

Terrible Accident at Red Rock.

The worst accident that has ever occurred on the Olean, Rock City & Bradford railroad happened at Red Rock Monday evening. A big car jumped the track at the bottom of the hill, resulting in the death of two men and injuries to seven others. The following story of the terrible affair is gleaned from the Bradford Star:

The ill-fated car left this city at 4:30 p. m., in charge of Conductor Lydell and Motorman Cooney. On the way up the hill one of the motors burned out, and at State Line it was decided to change cars with Conductor Reardon and Motorman Wheeler, who met Lydell and Cooney at that point. The crippled car was started down the hill for Bradford. At the horseshoe curve the car was under perfect control, and was going along at a fair rate of speed. Just beyond the curve Wheeler noticed that the car was gaining in speed. He applied the brake and signalled for Conductor Reardon to apply the brake in the rear, which Reardon did, but with no effect. Both men realized that the car was beyond their control, and they could do nothing but hope that it would remain on the rails until the foot of the hill was reached at Red Rock. There is a steep climb after the bottom of the hill is reached, where they thought the car might be stopped. W. D. Harris, one of the passengers, attempted to assist Reardon at the brake but the conductor shouted to him to go back in the car and as he turned to do so the crash came. The car left the trucks and was reduced to kindling wood. Harris was so badly injured that he died soon after the accident, and another passenger, J. C. Marsh was dead when picked up. Both men were residents of Bradford. The following persons sustained injuries: Edward Norton, Sterling Run; E. N. Hunter, Dallas; John J. Reardon, Bradford; John T. Wheeler, Bradford; A. J. Dougherty, Bradford; John Wingard Bradford; Lawrence Dana, Red Rock.

Death of Mrs. Southwick.

Clarinda J., relict of the late Enos H. Southwick, of Bradford, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Mitchell, on West Main street, about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Mrs. Southwick was aged 73 years, and had been an invalid for several years. Her death was the result of a complication of ailments, which brought about a general breaking down of the system. Deceased was the mother of eight surviving children as follows: Mrs. Ada White, of Kennedy, N. Y.; Mrs. George W. Mitchell, Smethport; Mrs. W. H. Morrison, Smethport; Mrs. J. C. McManus, Pittsburg; Mrs. Edward Jitkins, Dr. A. H. Southwick, Eugene P. and Enos H. Southwick, Bradford. Mrs. Jitkins, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Mitchell were with their mother when her spirit passed away. Dr. Southwick had just left Bradford on a B., B. & K. train in answer to a telegram that his mother was seriously ill, but did not arrive at Smethport until after her death. Deceased had been a resident of this town for about nine months and was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintances. The MINER'S sympathy is extended to the bereaved sons and daughters of this estimable woman. The remains were taken to Randolph, N. Y., Monday for interment.

Death of Robert Mulhern.

Robert, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Mulhern, of Clermont, died very suddenly at St. Marys, early Sunday morning of croup.

Robert was a bright, witty little fellow beloved by all, and of a strong and robust constitution. The attack of croup first manifested itself early Saturday evening. A doctor was called, who pronounced the ailment slight. Toward morning, however, Robert's condition grew rapidly worse and the physician was again summoned, but upon his arrival the little sufferer was beyond human aid.

The remains were brought to Clermont Monday, and funeral services were held in that place Tuesday morning, the Rev. Father Donahue, of Smethport, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulhern have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Build a home. We can furnish you plans and suggestions. Come in and see them. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

The mantles sold at Mason's for 15c are all right, and certainly there is a great saving in cost.

R. C. Gleason can furnish you with photo buttons at 25c each and up. Give "Ike" an order and be in line.

Found.—A ladies' jacket. For particulars inquire at this office.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Bouton visited Bradford Monday.

Mrs. B. L. Knapp visited Bradford Tuesday.

W. E. Bates Jr., of Clermont was in town Monday.

Jno. O. Sonberg of Bradford made us a call Wednesday.

Willett Palmer was in Buffalo over Sunday on business.

J. W. Anderson of Clermont was a visitor in town Saturday.

Thomas McCabe of Kinzua was a pleasant caller Friday last.

Att'y J. R. Haughney of Eldred was a pleasant caller yesterday.

Jno. Forrest spent Sunday with his daughter, Ruth, in Buffalo.

Miss Bessie Gilke returned Saturday from a week's visit in Eldred.

Mrs. Cora Peters of Buffalo is visiting her mother Mrs. F. A. Mason.

C. P. Haven of Norwich was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

J. E. Mullin, Esq., of Kane had legal business here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Herbert M. Baird of Coudersport is visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

Bert Titus and Will Gorman went to Hazelhurst Monday to work in the glass factory there.

Fred Weisz has returned to his home in East Smethport after an extended sojourn in Buffalo.

G. W. Burdick of Norwich made a pleasant call at the MINER office while in town Friday last.

Miss Edna Walker of Rew City was the guest of Miss Edna Church the fore part of the week.

Mrs. S. D. Weaver returned Tuesday evening from a three weeks' visit with Jamestown friends.

Jno. F. Rooney, Jr., left Tuesday for Kushequa where he will take charge of a market for E. K. Kane.

Misses Ada Hewitt and Matilda Eilingsfield returned from the Clarion State normal on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McAhon of Smethport are guests of their son, C. D. McAhon of 312 Jay St.—Olean Times.

W. P. Walsh attended the Democratic county committee meeting at Bradford Saturday as a delegate from this borough.

Mrs. L. Scanlon of Colegrove was in town Saturday. Her daughter, Miss Bessie, returned home with her and spent Sunday.

Charles Brown, who has been instructor at the Athletic Club for the past three months, departed for his home in Jamestown Monday.

Miss Ella Doyle left Tuesday for Philadelphia and other cities to attend the spring millinery openings and to purchase her season's stock.

A. M. Thamm, business manager of the Nunundah Stamp & Publishing Co., and wife were in Buffalo Friday and Saturday last on business.

Robert Palet, one of the gold seekers who left Smethport for the Klondike about two years ago, has returned and says he is glad to get back.

Hon. T. A. Morrison came in on the flyer this morning from a trip east. He went over to Smethport on the first train.—Kane Republican Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Jifkins, A. H., E. H. and E. P. Southwick of Bradford were in town Sunday. They accompanied the body of their mother to Randolph Monday.

Wm. Haines, Smiley Hunter, Chas. Nixon, Billy Buck, Walter Hamilton, Harry Moore, Frank Morris, Paddy Wilson and Roy Harbour went to Coudersport Monday to work during the shut down.

J. H. Grant of Kane, candidate for Member of Assembly, was a pleasant caller while in town last Saturday. Mr. Grant is a pleasant gentleman to meet and we predict he will make a good showing at the primaries.

Fred Capehart and Miss Nellie Huber spent Sunday at Fred's home in Smethport. * * John Brophy, a glassworker from Smethport, spent Sunday in town. Mr. Brophy is a popular young man with the glassworks boys of this place.—Coudersport Enterprise.

Hon. Thomas F. Richmond was in town Wednesday looking over the political situation. It has been customary to return all members of the assembly from this county for the second term and the course of Mr. Richmond last session was so satisfactory that it appears an accepted fact that he has this nomination and election "cornered" all right.—Mt. Jewett News.

Personals from Port Allegany Papers.

J. H. Williams was in Smethport Tuesday.

Att'y C. W. Catlin was in Smethport on business yesterday.

Sheriff W. B. Clarke was in town yesterday on official business.

Attorney H. N. Rose had business at Smethport Saturday afternoon last.

C. W. Catlin and Dr. Rinn had business in Smethport Wednesday last.

Clarence Eaton spent a few days with friends at Smethport this week.

Miss Hattie Leighton came over from Smethport Friday to attend the A. O. H. dance.

Messrs. T. F. Richmond and James A. McKean of Smethport were in the city Monday.

Clifford McFall of Smethport registered at the Sartwell House on Friday last.

Mrs. Frye of Smethport was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Manning, the first of the week.

Mrs. Hogarth of Smethport, a former resident, has been spending the week with Dr. and Mrs. Otto.

Maurice Shannon and James Cramer, gentlemen connected with the local and long distance telephone, went to Smethport Thursday for a few weeks. They expect to put in about fifteen telephones in that city.

Farmers, why plant old or mixed varieties of seed potatoes when you can get new and vigorous seed at farmers prices? Carman No. 1 for main crop beats them all. The Early Bovee and Early Fortune are good early varieties. Pure seed of the above for sale at 50c and 75c per bu. Reduction on large quantities. Supply limited, order early. Remember that last year I could not fill near all my orders.
A. L. GALLUP.

The new Edison phonograph sold by R. C. Gleason is the best ever put on the market. You should hear it to appreciate it and "Ike" is always pleased to entertain you.

NEAL'S ENAMELS ADVERTIZED EVERYWHERE for Bath tubs furniture and bicycles, makes things better than new. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have about 50 beautiful gold fish for sale. They are beauts and no mistake. Come early and secure first choice. tf

IS YOUR BATH TUB AN OLD ONE? Neal's Enamel will make it good as new.—We sell it. HOLMES & GILFILLAN

Mason has an A1 mantle for 15c. Try it.

The Churches.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.
REV. [illegible], Pastor.

Passion Sunday

The celebration at 8 a. m. Matins, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m.

Sunday school at 12 m.

Evensong with sermon at 7:30 p. m.

Subjects of sermons. In the morning: "The Passion of Christ." In the evening: "The Oneness of Human Life, or Life and Death."

Mr. Editor: I feel sorry for all who were not at St. Luke's church last Sunday morning, for they missed such a musical service as one seldom hears away from some of the large cities of the land. The special occasion was a high celebration in honor of the Annunciation of St. Mary, the virgin.

The processional was hymn 150.

"The angel [illegible] on wings of light,
With wondrous tidings [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

The introit was Gounod's Magnificat in the key of D.

The communion service was by Cruickshank in the key of E flat.

The sequence was hymn 158.

"Praise we the Lord this day,
This day so long foretold,
Whose promise shone with cheering ray
On waiting saints of old."

The offertory anthem was, "Like as a father pitieth his children, etc.," by Lyle, in the key of F.

The retrocessional hymn was:

"Now the blessed dayspring
Cometh from on high;
Now the world's redeemer
To her aid draws nigh."

I have not the time, nor have you the space probably, to give an adequate description of the music of the service. Suffice it to say that to many who were there, the service seemed little less than the foretaste of the blessed in heaven. The music was faithfully and beautifully interpreted by a portion only of the choir, (the rest being absent) under the direction of Dr. McCoy, the graceful accompanist, Miss G. E. McCoy, presiding at the organ.

The rector pro tem spoke of the magnificat, St. Mary's song, showing why the words were spoken, the prophetic utterances thereof and the lessons taught thereby.
A VISITOR.

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL.

Evensong with sermon at 2:30 p. m.
Sunday School at 3:15 p. m.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH
REV. FATHER COSGROVE, Pastor.
REV. FATHER DONAHUE, Assistant.

Mass at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School 3:00 p. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
REV. DR. WALKER, Pastor.

At 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Jehovah to Judah, or the Appeal to the Church."

At 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The True Test, or Personal Consciousness in Evidence."

The pastor with his church is observing this week in fasting and prayer. The services are full of inspiration and spiritual profit.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Mrs. Clair Colegrove's, on King street. A full attendance of the society is desired as important correspondence with missionaries in the foreign field will be read.

SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH.
REV. NORBERN, Pastor.

Services as usual next Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
REV. T. D. WARE, Pastor.

Services at 10:30 a. m.

Correspondence.

COLEVILLE.

Monday evening our town was thrown into quite a state of excitement over the fistic discussion of two of our pugilists. After taking an active part in the manly art the would-be scrappers decided to finish in the near future, or as soon as a desirable location could be found. Fortunately both escaped without injury.

Harry Smith of Wrights Corners is repairing the Barry House and expects to move in town in the near future.

Wm. Moore, who has been attending school at Buffalo for some time, called on friends in town Saturday.

Miss May Cook returned home from Ormsby Saturday, after a prolonged visit.

Miss Edith Smith of Mt. Jewett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Anna Boylan.

Mr. D. M. Cotton and Miss Maggie Lytle drove to Bradford Saturday.

Messrs. S. H. Elder and F. B. Digel drove to Farmers Valley Sunday.

Bert Bromley of Mt. Jewett is visiting his brother Burt, on Bailey street.

Miss Lizzie Digel of Farmers Valley visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson of Simpson was in town Sunday.

S. H. Elder had business in Smethport Monday.

Mr. John Clark had business in Bradford Tuesday.

W. J. Dibble Sundayed with Rixford friends.

Miss Elsie Moore is on the sick list.

Mrs. Cummins is on the sick list.

ANNIN CREEK.

Miss Myrtle Tubbs is spending a fortnight with her aunt, Mrs. Jay Horton, of Allegany, N. Y.

Will Simpson and wife of Ceres visited at C. H. Winship's last Friday.

Masters Clinton Cooper and Claude Tubbs went to Mina, Tuesday.

Niles Harder visited the county seat one day last week.

Wesley Kinney was in Olean on business last week.

S. R. June & Son have begun making sugar.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. Mearkle, general merchant and farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Spring Patterns and Samples.

I have on hand a complete line of Spring patterns and samples, and can please my customers with up to date goods and workmanship. Call and get prices.

JOHN MILLER, The Tailor,
TRACEY BUILDING.
Main St. Smethport.

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On ccount of my buyer being sick our Spring Line of dry goods purchase has been delayed. We expect some of the latest novelties and full spring line of dry goods to arrive every day now. Also spring line of shoes, which will comprise the inlaid fancy vestings on the best line of shoes. It will pay you to wait a few days until this stock arrives and look them over. We have made a good purchase in Ladies' belts which will arrive about April 1st, full line of shades in the new pulley belt with ribbon ties, also buckleless belts which are new and very stylish. Also new line of finger purses and card cases.

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Respectfully Yours,

Shillenn & Torrence,
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PLAIN SAMANTHY ANN.

Twice lucky is the poet who
  May call his sweetheart Rose;
His sonnets speak her eyes of blue,
  His ballads sing her pose.
A rhyme with Gladys one might pen,
  Quite good enough to scan,
But what if your girl's cognomen
  Was plain Samanthy Ann?

Now, if 'twere Grace or Isabel
  Or May, without a doubt,
The muse should weave a mystic spell
  And some way help him out,
But Pegasus will veer in fright,
  Dismounting any man
Who dares an amorous verse indite
  To plain Samanthy Ann.

There's Poe's Lenore and Burns' Jean
  For song were graceful themes,
They well might speak of "modest mien"
  And weave their fancied dreams.
But my sweetheart! Ah, such a shame
  To thus inflict a ban
On rhyming lover with a name
  Like plain Samanthy Ann.
—Roy Farrell Greene in Detroit Free Press.

BIGGER THAN BOBBY

PEOPLE WHO, UNDER ENGLISH LAW, MAY LAUGH AT THE POLICE.

The Various Classes of Persons In Great Britain Who Cannot Be Arrested—Royalty, as a Matter of Course, Is First on the List.

The other day at the Westminster (England) county court a warrant for the arrest and committal of a solicitor had to be extended for four months more, as, though the solicitor was walking about the streets in the sight of the police, they dared not lay a finger on him. Even the judge seemed surprised that the man could not be arrested. But it is probable he never will be arrested, for, as he carries a charm on his person in the form of a brief, his body cannot be seized. This is because no one engaged on business at a law court can be arrested for any breach of the civil law. If you happen to owe a debt, to have a judgment delivered against you and to be committed to prison for not paying, of course you can be arrested under ordinary circumstances, but if you are subpœnaed as a witness you cannot be arrested while going to the place, while staying there to give evidence or while returning home, and you may feel sure that the courts will stick up for you.

There are many other people who can laugh at the police. Of course no member of the royal family can be arrested under any circumstances. Servants of the royal household also have great privileges in this way. Should one of the royal servants commit a crime at the command of the crown he could not be arrested. As the crown can do no wrong, of course any order the crown should give would be considered right and Bobby would not dare to make an arrest.

Then members of parliament, though they can be arrested for some things, are exempt in certain cases where ordinary citizens would certainly be run in. If a member of the house of commons commits a crime, he can be arrested like any other citizen, but if it is a case of contempt of court, such as not paying debts, he can snap his fingers at the police during the greater part of the year—that is to say, he cannot be arrested while parliament is sitting nor for 40 days before and 40 days after the session. This gives him exemption during about nine-tenths of the year.

Of course a peer enjoys the same good fortune, and so does a peeress in her own right. But in their case the privilege is still greater, for they cannot be arrested on a civil process at any time, whether parliament is sitting or not. In fact, if the heir to a peerage happens to be in prison for any offense not criminal, he is liberated the moment he succeeds to the title.

Foreign embassadors may commit any offense, from drunkenness up to murder, without running the slightest risk of seeing the inside of an English prison. And not only have the embassadors themselves this privilege, but their secretaries, coachmen, cooks, valets, etc., are equally favored individuals, for the theory is that an embassador is useless without his dinner, his drives, his shaves and the like.

When an embassador commits a crime, all that can be done is to ask his government to recall him. But, of course, if he went about the streets knocking many people down he would certainly be arrested and held temporarily. But he could not be tried and punished. The foreign embassador's house, family and servants are looked upon as if they were in their own country. Under no circumstances could a policeman or bailiff break into the house or arrest any of the inhabitants.

Soldiers, while on service, could run up debts, refuse to pay, and if a judge, after ordering them to pay, without result, issued a warrant for their arrest and committal, no policeman dare execute it unless the amount were over $150. Navy men enjoy the same privileges, but no doubt they seldom get the opportunity of exercising them.

The clergy are another class of men who are sometimes secure against arrest. A clergyman cannot be arrested when he is celebrating divine service or conducting the celebration of rites for the dead; nor can he be touched when going to or returning from either of these duties. Any one breaking the law in this respect might be punished with as much as two years' imprisonment with hard labor.

On Sundays we are all privileged. No one can be arrested on Sunday except for treason, felony or breach of the peace. If any one tries it on with you, you can resist up to the point of killing him.

A curious rule in connection with arrest is not generally known—if a policeman comes along after a fight or an assault, he can make no arrest without a warrant.—London Tit-Bits.

The Duke and the Dean.

The late Prebendary Rogers used to tell how Lord Rosebery joined him in petitioning the Duke of Wellington to open Apsley House on Sunday afternoons, so that the public might see the pictures. The duke and Mr. Rogers met in the park and began to speak about the memorial.

"Among all these signatures," said the duke, "I find only one respectable name, and that is your own."

Mr. Rogers replied that Dean Stanley had signed.

"Oh," said the duke, "I don't call him respectable."

"Well, but there is Lord Rosebery."

"I don't think much of him," answered the duke; "but, as you assure me it is all right, I will see what can be done."

It was finally agreed that visitors should be admitted on condition that they wiped their feet on the mats and did not sit down on the sofas.—Westminster Gazette.

Makes Brilliant Flames.

People who live on the New England coast like to use ocean driftwood as fuel in open fireplaces. It is impregnated with copper and ocean salts and when burned gives out the most brilliant colored flames. It is asserted that a New Bedford dealer has orders for the wood from all parts of the country, and even from Europe, and ships hundreds of barrels of it yearly.

Various attempts have been made to imitate this wood by artificial process, but without success. Long submersion in the sea water is necessary to produce the brilliant flames.—New York Tribune.

A Little Known Fact.

That the majority of serious diseases originate in disorder of the kidneys. Foley's Kidney Cure is guaranteed. Try it to day if you're not feeling well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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THE OLD SPORT TRICKED.

He Knew the Sharpers' Game, but They Knew It Better.

In the days when things were wide open there was a "brace" faro game on the other side of Canal street, where some pretty fat pigeons were frequently plucked. While this was going on a broken down sport formed the habit of dropping in and securing a share of the plunder by simply betting the reverse of the victim. The latter, for instance, would bet $50 one way on the ace, and the old sport, knowing positively that the dupe would lose, would bet $5 the other way on the same card. In order to secure the $50 the dealer had to let the unwelcome visitor win his little five, and that sort of thing happened almost every time a fresh fool was piloted into the establishment.

Of course the sharpers who ran the game regarded this proceeding on the old sport's part as a most outrageous invasion of their private rights, equivalent to blackmail. "I call it just the same as stealing for him to come in that way when we're skinning a man and take off a slice," said the main sharp, "and he really ought to be arrested. We must do something to stop him."

Accordingly they laid their heads together and evolved a Machiavelian scheme. A few days later a stranger, who had all the appearances of a very verdant planter, was steered into the place, and right behind him, as usual, came the old sport, scenting rich pickings. After playing for awhile in a small way the stranger, who appeared to be more than half tipsy, pulled out a huge roll of bills and offered to bet $1,500 on the turn of a card. The proposition was promptly accepted, and the other fellow, thinking he had the chance of his life, immediately put up $65, which was every cent he had on earth. To his consternation, the planter won and he lost. That broke him of the habit and was the last time he ever tried to rob robbers. It turned out later that the planter was a Memphis gambler, "made up" expressly for the role.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Some Consolation.

"Well, sir," said the judge, glaring down over his spectacles at the prisoner who had been convicted of habitual drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy and confirmed kleptomania, "have you anything to say why sentence shouldn't be passed upon you?"

"Your honor," answered the culprit, throwing his chest lightly up in the air, "I've been found guilty, haven't I?"

"Yes."

"And no matter what I say, it wouldn't affect your determination to incarcerate me, would it?"

"Not in the least," cheerfully assented the judge.

"Then why did you ask me if I had anything to say why sentence shouldn't be passed upon me? Was it your purpose to raise false hopes in my breast or was it simply out of respect to musty tradition? If the first, you betray a disposition malignant in its cruelty; if the second, a foolish regard for silly superstition. I am loath"—

"Six months!" cried the judge.

—"to believe that one of your gray head and thought lined visage would be guilty of either offense against the laws laid down by reason, but"—

"One year!" yelled the judge.

—"appearances are against you. Far be it for a man in my position to try and humiliate the judiciary, but"—

"Two years!" howled the judge. "Muzzle that man! Drag him out!"—Kansas City Independent.

It Wasn't the Bell.

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal tells a story of a minister in a prayer meeting who cut short "Uncle" Ira, a prosy old deacon, by ringing a bell at the end of five minutes. But after doing so he felt sorry, because he had apparently hurt the feelings of an old father in Israel. So he arose and went down to "Uncle" Ira and put his hand on the old man's shoulder.

"'Uncle' Ira," said he, "I'm sorry for that. I ask your pardon and"—

"Uncle" Ira looked up, the anger still in his eyes.

"Why, ye don't think I set down on account of that pesky little bell of your'n, do ye?" he demanded.

"Why, I—I—well, I thought"— stammered the minister.

"Waal," said "Uncle" Ira, "ye needn't think no more about that bell. I want to tell ye right now that no bells ain't ever goin to set me down in this vestry where I've talked goin on 29 years. I want to tell ye right now, young man, if I hadn't jest swallered my chaw I'd 'a' kept on talkin till I'd 'a' 'lucidated that p'int if it had 'a' took me all night."

They Spilled Over.

Marjorie never cries when any little mishap befalls her and has been known to sustain without shedding a tear severe bumps that have rapidly acquired a black and blue aspect. But the other day Araminta, her dearly loved and tenderly cherished doll, fell into the open grate and received a contusion of the nose which was most unpleasant to contemplate. Marjorie winked very hard for a few minutes, and then, running with her injured Araminta to her mother, she buried her head in her lap, sobbing, "Oh, mamma, I don't want to cry, but my tears have all come unfastened!"

Where the Paint Went.

"I thought you were working on Jay Krank's new house," said the house painter's friend.

"I was going to," replied the house painter, "but I had a quarrel with him, and he said he'd put the paint on himself."

"And did he do it?"

"Yes, that is where he put most of it."—Philadelphia Press.

Pooled Them.

Mrs. Walldoff—Which of these ancestors are yours and which are your husband's?

Mrs. Justinn—Oh, it's a funny thing about them ancestors! The decorators got 'em mixed while fixing the gallery, and we couldn't tell t'other from which, so we bunched the whole lot and called 'em our ancestors.—Judge.

A Healthful Swelling.

Physician (with ear to patient's chest)—There is a curious swelling over the region of the heart, sir, which must be reduced at once.

Patient (anxiously)—That swelling is my pocketbook, doctor. Please don't reduce it too much.—Harlem Life.

Reward.

We the undersigned druggists, offer a reward of 50 cents to any person who purchases of us, two 25 cent boxes of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters Tablets, if it fails to cure constipation, billiousness sick-headache, jaundice, loss of appetite, sour stomach, dyspepsia, liver complaint, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. Price 25 cents for for either tablets or liquid. We will also refund the money on one package of either if it fails to give satisfaction.

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H. C. Wells.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while waiting for the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

GROWING GOOSEBERRIES.

Proper Soil, Fertilizer, Etc.—How to Plant, Prune and Cultivate.

Gooseberries do best on a clay soil which has been made rich by a liberal application of well rotted manure. I find that few fertilizers surpass barn yard manure. I have also used as a mulch well rotted straw, wood and coal ashes, leaves, vines and anything that could be gathered up. After selecting the location I prepare my land by plowing and pulverizing thoroughly. I then mark out rows six feet apart, using great care to have them perfectly straight. With two horses and a large plow I furrow out and set my plants six feet apart in the furrow. The plants can then be cultivated each way. To some this distance may seem great, but I find from experience that it is much the best, as there is plenty of room for cultivation and the application of fertilizers. The space between the bushes can be utilized for growing beans, cucumbers, muskmelons, dwarf tomatoes and the like, as the vines remain green a long time, thus affording shade and protection to the soil during the summer.

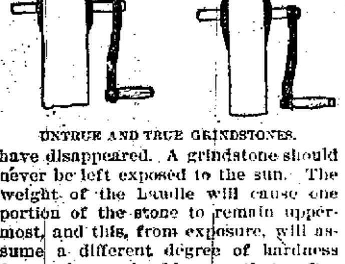
I prefer to plant in spring as soon as the soil is dry enough to work well, especially if the plants have been taken up the previous fall and heeled in over winter. Select hardy, vigorous bushes and take great care in setting. It is of the greatest importance to get a full stand, for plants that are put in later are at a great disadvantage and seldom do well. Properly prune both roots and tops before planting, lay the roots out straight in the furrow and cover with a fine, rich soil. With me cultivation is the easiest part. With a section of my steel harrow I can do the work to perfection at small cost. After the fruit is harvested and the vine crop, if any, is out of the way I plow the longest way of the field with a diamond plow, throwing the soil to the bushes. In early spring I cultivate the other way and harrow, which levels the ground and prepares it for the small crops. The sooner this plowing is done after the fruit is off the better, concludes a writer in New England Homestead.

A New York Farmer's Ideas.

I use shavings for bedding. Every day the pens are carefully cleaned out, and a thick layer of the spruce log wood shavings is put in. The shavings absorb all the moistures created by the cattle, take up little room and are easily cleaned up and carted off for manure. I buy the shavings for about 20 cents a bale of 100 pounds or $4 a ton. Now, straw, which is hard to get at times, costs from $8 to $10 a ton, does not absorb the moisture and is difficult to handle.

The Hard Lot of the Grindstone.

The grindstone on the farm sees pretty hard usage. The softer the stone, the harder usage it receives. The grinding surface of the stone is more likely to be as shown at the left of the cut than it is to have an even face or slightly beveled surface, as at the right in the same picture. The former condition comes from grinding axes, scythes, machine knives, etc., with their edges lengthwise of the stone instead of across it. This cannot be helped in grinding some tools. But when the stone does assume this shape, making it impossible to grind a chisel or any flat edged tool decently, it is a good time to get a spade—spades are usually dull—and hold it on the stone until it is sharp, when the irregularities in the surface of the stone will have disappeared. A grindstone should never be left exposed to the sun. The weight of the handle will cause one portion of the stone to remain uppermost, and this, from exposure, will assume a different degree of hardness from the underside, so that after awhile the stone will be ground out of a circle. If the stone has to stand in the open, a flat box can serve as a cover, says a correspondent, who gives the foregoing advice in Rural New Yorker.



UNTRUE AND TRUE GRINDSTONES.

He Knew Human Nature.

Three young men were walking up Riverside drive the other morning, when a gamy looking race horse jogged by, drawing a natty trotting rig.

"Isn't that a splendid animal?" exclaimed one of the young men in cheery, admiring tones, pausing to gaze at the trotter.

The driver's eye sparkled, and his chest expanded. He had heard the compliment. Wheeling his horse around, he brought it alongside the pavement.

"Wouldn't you like to try a brush behind him?" he said courteously.

In a jiffy the young man was seated in the buggy, and the two were disappearing down the drive at a pace that justified the compliment of the pedestrian. His companions watched him enviously. Then one of them said:

"Bill is a judge of horseflesh."

"And an artist on human nature," added the other. "I've seen him do that before."—New York Mail and Express.

Going Down Hill.

People suffering from Kidney diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure. It is guaranteed. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

HOW A CLAIM PAID.

One Way of Getting Money Without Panning It Out.

"There are more ways of taking money off a claim than panning it out," said an Alaska miner who has some luck with his pick and shovel. "For instance, I know a man of means in the Dawson district who had a claim which had failed to be as profitable as expected, and he didn't know just what to do with it to get his money back until he had devoted considerable thought to it. And it was simple enough when he knew how.

"He quietly went to the gold commissioner and announced that he wished to pay his 10 per cent royalty on the product of his claim for a season, which was, $6,000. The commissioner accepted the $600 royalty and gave him the usual receipt, stating on its face what it was for, with the number of the claim, location, etc.

"Then he waited patiently about, like Mary's little lamb, and one day, in the course of human events, an Englishman came along looking for a good thing for some people who had money to spend. He asked Mr. Black, among others, what he had to sell, and the smooth gent told him he didn't know exactly, but he would show him his goods. They looked over several claims that were practically unworked, and then in a casual way Mr. Black showed the Englishman his receipt for royalty on claim so and so. 'And, you know,' he said, with a wink, 'that a man isn't paying royalty on any more than he can possibly help.'

"The Englishman was right on to that little game, of course, and he sized up the $6,000 receipt, looked over the claim in a general way and ended by buying it for $150,000."—Washington Star.

Piecing Bank Notes.

I am told at the treasury department that it is not possible for a person to defraud the government by what they call "piecing"—that is, by clipping off small slices of several bank notes and fitting them together to resemble a complete note. Such offenses have been committed, and the guilty persons have been sent to the penitentiary, but the treasury never redeems the bills, and the loss falls upon the persons who send them in for redemption. There are several ways of committing frauds of this nature, and they are done so skillfully as to escape detection except by experts. There is now a $500 note on exhibition at the treasury which is made up of 16 slices of other notes so skillfully fitted together as to escape the notice of a number of banks and many people who handled it.—Chicago Record.

A Question of Advantage.

Man is distinguished from the beast by the power to speak his thoughts, the beast from the man by the power to keep its thoughts to itself.—Detroit Journal.

Siamese people have so superstitious a dislike for odd numbers that they strive always to have an even number of rooms, doors, windows, closets, etc. in their houses.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century people were hanged in Great Britain for the illicit manufacture of salt.

When you dream that somebody is pushing you over a precipice it's time

you looked after your stomach and liver. You may not believe in dreams but that particular sort of dream is likely to come pretty near true if you don't take prompt measures to prevent it. If you neglect the warning you may find that you are actually pushing yourself over the precipice of disease into the abyss of death. Don't forget that your heart and lungs and brain and nerves are supplied with blood and nutriment through your stomach liver and bowels. If they do not do their work properly the blood is full of poisonous matter your whole body will soon be full of impurity and disease, and it is small wonder you dream of disaster.

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Time Table taking effect Oct. 12th, 1899.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:00 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, and daily, except Sunday, for Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting with P. & W. Ry for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:45 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

1:30 P. M.—Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Alton, Kinzua Junction and Bradford, connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 5:55 p. m. and Rochester at 8:30 p. m.; and at Mt. Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

5:15 P. M.—Mail and Express daily for Ormsby Junction, Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, and daily except Sunday for Simpson, Davis, Alton, Kinzua Junction and Bradford, connecting at Bradford with the Erie R. R. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport at 12 m. and 2:55 p. m. daily except Sunday; and 9:30 a. m. and 6:25 p. m. daily.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, (taken effect Monday, Oct. 23, 1899.)

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B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Treasurer's Sales

OF

Unseated Lands,

[illegible]

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

War.	Lot	Acres	Owner	Tax
[illegible]		50	Samuel [illegible] Steel	$19 90
[illegible]	355	[illegible]	Pat Hughes	9 50
[illegible]		240	J. A. Sampson & Co	42 78
[illegible]	272	24		4 25
[illegible]		33	Mrs. H. L. Helwig	[illegible]
[illegible]	157	47	Eugene Muller	[illegible]
[illegible]		95	Pat Doran	[illegible]
[illegible]		95	[illegible]	4 44
[illegible]	304	[illegible]	N. L. Marsh	8 75
[illegible]		[illegible]	John Kelleher	2 72
[illegible]		[illegible]	James Riley	10 62
[illegible]		[illegible]	Johnson Riley	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	John Riley	7 24
[illegible]		[illegible]	W. S. Brownell	15 82
[illegible]		21	W. L. Elderidge	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	J. E. Mullin	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	E. D. Townsend	7 25
[illegible]		[illegible]	M. A. Elderidge	6 06
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Patrick [illegible]	4 14
		[illegible]	do	2 11
215	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wm Scott Est	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	L. H. Dolley Est	16 37
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	C. A. Dolley	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	170	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Miss Mary Simpson	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	John Hungerford	[illegible]

[illegible]

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

[illegible]

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

Acres	Owner	Tax
84	do	5 09
50	John O'Brien	6 44
50	Unknown	3 85
50	A C Holden	3 85
100	Bess Hardes	13 40
115	E B Dolley	3 80
97¾	Amelia Hough	3 24
100	Arnold & Rowley	3 30
889	do	19 84
1265	E P Dalrymple	93 49
255	Dolley, Bard, Rowley & Co	8 42
175	do	5 78
50	Peter Fay, Jr	1 65
763	F G Zimmerman	25 18
303	do	10 00
140	do	6 93
54	Alva Hodgkiss	[illegible]
16	J R & Wm Vanslekle	66
202	do	6 06
26	C A Dolley	10 29
30	C C Ward	99
75	do	2 48
217	Arnold and E B and C A Dolley	7 72
75	S.W & W E Smith	2 48
201	Arnold & Dolley	42 93
51	do	1 67
931	do	91 47
279	do	7 56
67	do	9 15
35	do	3 47
468	do	66 53
126	do	5 81
185	do	4 46
27	do	1 78

[illegible]

War.	Lot	Acres	Owner	Tax
2681	301	225	do	15 55
2687	304	225	do	15 55
2697	365	225	E M Payne	15 55
3692	259	225	do	15 55
2682	420	225	do	15 55
2555	219	225	B T Stone	186 35
3764		104	A J Hazeltine	7 19
3764		35½	John McNair & Co	259 80
3753		177 3-10	Unknown	24 52
2568	224	113½	Hazeltine, Weston & Co	7 79
2572	397	225	Thos Keelor	15 55
3764		200	do	13 50
2010	349	225	do	15 55
2563	346	225	do	15 55
2572	377	112½	do	7 78
3764		100	Davis & Weston	3 90
2453		60	L A Brenneman	41 40
	344	205	Koester & Philliber	14 17
3122	40	73	Wm Blew	14 32
3122	52	162	do	31 75
2388	342	12¾	Fred Hanson Est	5 48
2587	3-9	225	John Erhaut	8 11
2587	303	225	do	8 11
2398	388	95	Penn Tanning Co	91
2578	186	225	G Potts	97 20

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

War.	Lot	Acres	Owner	Tax
3219 or 13		33½	John McCloskey	2 80
3218		60	Herbert Anderson	4 96
3602	340	63	John Vankirk	7 50

Treasurer's Office, Smethport, Penn'a, March 1st, 1900.

JNO. W. CAMPBELL,
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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

TIME TABLE — WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

In effect Oct. 22, 1899.

Trains leave Smethport for [illegible] Eldred, Olean, Bradford, [illegible] as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
*Buffalo Mail, daily except [illegible]
Local for Olean, daily except [illegible]
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with River Division [illegible] Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south:
*Clermont [illegible] daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Clermont Accom. daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Clermont Accom. daily ex Sunday 7.00 p. m.
*Clermont Local, connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:
Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible]

Get Time Tables giving [illegible]

A. E. WORMER [illegible]
[illegible]
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen. Pass. & T. A.
General offices Moore [illegible] Main and Clinton Sts. [illegible]

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME-TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM [illegible]

EASTWARD.

8:20 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:22 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:13 a. m., Baltimore 2:30 a. m., Washington 4:05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days, 10:38 a. m. Sundays; Baltimore 6:35 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6:22 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5.55 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junc. 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:55 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:20 a. m., with Pullman palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:40 a. m., Washington 7:55 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:35 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:20 p. m., with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phila to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9.40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9.55	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10.03	Bendigo	[illegible]
10.11	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10.20	Straight	[illegible]
10.28	Instanter	[illegible]
10.31	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10.38	Woodvale	[illegible]
10.45	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:46 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 101, leaving Ridgway 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train 8, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Jan. 1st, 1900, passenger trains between, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Butler, Pittsburg and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—NORTH BOUND.

8.10 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Limestone Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester. Week days only.

3.35 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Ashford, Springville, Buffalo, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

2.55 p.m. Sunday for Salamanca and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

.26 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois, Falls Creek and Punxsutawney. Week days only.

12.54 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Dayton, Craigsville, Butler and Pittsburg.

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.

Condensed time table in effect Feb. 11, 1900.

A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Read up.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M. Read down.
8.55	1.38	12.25	ar Keating S't lv		12.40	7.35
8.10	7.09	12.00	Austin	5.40	1.05	8.02
	7.01	11.53	Costello	6.50	1.14	
	6.50	11.42	Wharton	7.02	1.26	
	6.05	10.58	Cross Fork Jct	7.47	2.09	
	5.38	10.31	Corbett	8.14	2.36	
	5.27	10.21	Germania	8.26	2.47	
	5.20	10.15 lv	Galeton ar	8.31		
P.M.	A.M.					
7.00	1.00	10.12 ar	Galeton lv	8.38	2.53	
6.47	12.47	8.54	Gaines Junc	8.50	3.46	
6.11	12.11	8.16	Westfield	9.38	3.43	
5.53	11.55	8.00	Knoxville	9.47	3.58	
5.46	11.46	7.51	Osceola	9.58	4.06	
5.41	11.41	7.46	Elkland	10.03	4.11	
5.30	11.30	7.15 lv	Addison ar	10.34	4.43	
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
	5.30	10.10 ar	Galeton lv	6.30	1.05	
	5.01	9.51	Walton	6.47	1.24	
	4.37	9.27	Newfield Jct	7.16	1.50	
	4.19	9.09	West Bingham	7.30	2.06	
	4.08	8.58	Genesee	7.40	2.15	
	4.03	8.53	Shongo	7.46	2.24	
	3.40	8.30 lv	Wellsville ar	8.06	2.46	
P. M.	P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.	
2.58	8.55	10.12 ar	Galeton lv	6.45	7.10	
2.30	8.45	10.01	Gaines June	6.55	7.28	
2.00	8.20	9.42 lv	Ansonia ar	9.22	7.45	
	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
	2.00	7.30 ar	Cross Fork Jct lv	12.30	6.05	
	1.00	6.30 lv	Cross Fork ar	12.30	7.05	

All trains daily except Sunday.

CONNECTIONS.

At Keating S't with W.N.Y. & P. union station.
At Ansonia with F. B. R'y union station.
At Newfield Jct. with C. & P.A. union station.
At Genesee with N. Y. & P. union station.
At Addison with Erie R.R. union station.
At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

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W. C. PARK, Gen'l Supt., Galeton, Pa.
M. J. McMAHON, Div. Pass'r Ag't, Galeton, Pa.
J. H. GOODYEAR, Ass't Gen'l Supt., Austin, Pa.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. 1. Passenger Train Schedule

MT JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
6.32	3.20	9.32 ar.	Smethport lv.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.36	12.10	7.51	Hazelhurst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.02	12.50	8.17	Mt. Jewett	8.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.05	3.30	10.00	Bradford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SHAWMUT DIVISION

Effective Monday, Nov. [illegible]

SOUTHWARD Read down PM	AM	AM	STATIONS & SIDINGS	NORTHWARD Read up		PM
3.30	8.30		Lv. Buffalo Ar	6.06		[illegible]
5.75	11.05		Olean	3.40		[illegible]
7.00	12.12		Smethport	2.31		[illegible]
PM	PM			PM		
7.45	1.15		Clermont	1.25		[illegible]
f 7.50	f1.19		Chatham	f12.20		[illegible]
f 8.06	f1.36		Wellendorf	f12.04		[illegible]
f 8.19	f1.48		Westwood	f11.53		[illegible]
f 8.31	f2.00		North Fork	[illegible]		[illegible]
8.37	2.07		Bear R[illegible]	11.32		[illegible]
f 8.42	f2.13		Gray Gables	[illegible]		[illegible]
f 8.50	f2.20		County Home	f11.16		[illegible]
		AM			PM	
8.56	2.29		St. Marys	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.02	2.43	7.35		[illegible]	[illegible]	7.20
9.07	2.48	7.40	[illegible]	10.35	6.34	[illegible]
f 9.12	f2.54	f7.47	[illegible]	f10.48	f6.28	[illegible]
f 9.18	f3.00	f7.54	[illegible]	f10.6	f6.23	[illegible]
f 9.25	f3.06	f8.02	[illegible]	f10.32	f6.12	[illegible]
f 9.27	f3.10	f8.05	Paine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.32	3.15	[illegible]	Centreville	10.25	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.35	f3.19	f8.15	Dagus Crossing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.43	f3.28	f8.25	Shelvey [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.47	f3.32	f8.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.51	f3.34	f8.34	Thompson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.54	f3.37	f8.37	Carey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
f 9.57	f3.43	f8.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	f5.46	f6.27
10.01	3.45	8.45	[illegible]	9.45	5.44	6.25
10.05	3.53	8.50	[illegible]	9.40	5.39	6.20
10.12	3.57	8.57	Brockport	9.27	5.32	[illegible]
	4.07	9.07	Shawmut	9.22	5.22	
f10.10	f4.22		Keystone		f4.48	[illegible]
f10.16	f4.26		Crenshaw		f4.44	[illegible]
10.25	4.33		Brockwaysville		4.45	[illegible]
PM	PM	AM	At		AM	[illegible]

Close connections at St. Marys with P. & E. R. R. for all points East and West; at Clermont, for all points on W. N. Y. & P. R. R. and their connections.

N. B.—All trains daily except Sunday.

F—Flag station.

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